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DR. S. F. DOWIS

Above is Dr. S. F. Dowis of Atlanta, Georgia, superintendent of Cooperative Missions of the Home Mission Board. Dr. Dowis will deliver a series of lectures at the Mississippi Baptist Missionaries and Pastor's Institute to be held in Newton, Mississippi, January 30-February 3.

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Armstrongs View Venezuelan Mission Field

(Editor's Note: Mr. and Mrs. O. K. Armstrong are on tour of South America by air. Mrs. Armstrong was managing editor of The Commission from 1942 until December, 1949.)

By O. K. ARMSTRONG
and

MARJORIE MOORE ARMSTRONG
CARACAS, Venezuela—We have just attended midweek prayer service in this our first stop on a tour of South America. Here in the growing, bustling, oil-rich metropolis of the northernmost country of this southern continent, Baptists meet in a small rented building next to the corner of one-way streets.

This is the newest mission field of Southern Baptists in all South America. In the whole country, with 3,500,000 inhabitants, are only four Baptist churches. The capital city, Caracas, with its half million people, has only one.

It seemed almost like home to visit with the missionary couple assigned to Venezuela—Thomas L. Neely and Carolyn Switzer Neely—for they are from Spartanburg, S. C. (Marjorie's home town). In the prayer service was Ms. Dean Fitzgerald, the former Betty Bean of Springfield, Mo. (O. K.'s home town).

The Caracas church is only three and a half years old. It was founded (Continued On Page Two)

ORPHANAGE EXECUTIVES HOLD MEETING IN DALLAS

DALLAS, Tex.—(BP)—H. Truman Maxey, Oklahoma City, was re-elected president of the S.B.C. orphanage executives in the Association's annual meeting at Dallas. Wade B. East, Oklahoma City, was elected secretary-treasurer.

New regional vice-presidents elected are Tom M. Smith, South Carolina; W. C. Creasman, Tennessee; T. M. Johns, Florida; D. C. Black, Louisiana. Twenty-six executives attended from thirteen homes. Next annual meeting of the group will be held in Lakeland, Fla., January 25-26, 1951.

In his report to the Association President Maxey called for a study of advisability of an S.B.C. orphanage commission with full-time secretary.

A move sponsored by Sam M. Smith, (Continued On Page Two)

Invites Catholics, Protestants To Join Baptist Church

ARLINGTON, Tex.—(RNS)—A Dallas Baptist leader has invited all Roman Catholics and Protestants to join the Baptist Church, which he calls "the true Mother Church of God."

Dr. T. C. Gardner, director of the Baptist training union department of Texas, issued the invitation at a meeting here attended by Baptist leaders from more than 200 counties in the state.

"Baptists are not Protestants," he said. "We Baptists believe that Christ set up our Church several hundred years before Catholicism came into existence."

"Recently, the Pope invited all Protestants to come back to 'the Mother Church.' We should therefore be as kind as the Pope to invite all believers to come to us, the true Mother Church of God."

Editor's Note: The Pittsburgh Lutheran Pastoral Conference also rejected the Pope's appeal. They said, "We know but one path to unity and peace; namely submission to the authority of the inspired and infallible Word of God, rather than to the authority of a Church. Earlier, 29 Protestant clergymen issued a joint statement similarly rejecting the Pope's appeal.

Myron C. Taylor Resigns As President's Ambassador

Southern Baptists Urge No Successor

WASHINGTON, D. C.—(BP)—THE RESIGNATION OF MYRON C. TAYLOR AS PRESIDENT TRUMAN'S PERSONAL AMBASSADOR TO THE VATICAN BROUGHT IMMEDIATE REJOICING TO PROTESTANT LEADERS AND GROUPS, WHO HAVE REPEATEDLY CALLED ON THE PRESIDENT TO ABOLISH THE SPECIAL POST TAYLOR HELD. TAYLOR HAD SERVED AS PERSONAL ENVOY TO THE POPE FOR TEN YEARS. HE WAS FIRST NAMED TO THE POST BY PRESIDENT FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT.

DR. JOSEPH M. DAWSON, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF THE JOINT CONFERENCE COMMITTEE



DR. W. L. HOWSE

Dr. W. L. Howse, Professor of Administration of Religious Education in the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, will deliver three addresses to the fourth annual meeting of the Mississippi Baptist Religious Education Association at the First Church, Meridian, February 1, 2, 3. Dr. Howse will discuss "A Religious Worker Should Continue his Study"; "The Place of Supervision in the Educational Program"; and "The Future of Religious Education in Trends and Correlation."

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COMMITTEE TO NOMINATE

The committee, appointed at the December, 1949, meeting of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, to nominate a Treasurer for the Convention Board, has been busy. The Treasurer will also serve as Baptist Record Business Manager and Purchasing Agent for the Board.

Applications are being received and they are being carefully and prayerfully considered. The committee has met several times and applicants are being interviewed. The committee is

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doing its best to give each name fair and due consideration.

It is the purpose of the committee to bring a nomination for the position as Convention Board Treasurer, to a full meeting of the Board at the earliest possible date.

The committee covets the prayers of all who are concerned that the Lord's man will be led to this place. Committee: S. R. Woodson, Chairman, Columbus; J. R. Davis, New Albany; G. W. Thompson, Aberdeen.

**Informed Baptists Are Better Baptists
The Every Family Plan Makes Informed Baptists**

MYRON C. TAYLOR RESIGNS AS
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peace treaties."

"It occurs to me," Dawson said, "that Mr. Truman will discover that whatever political advantage there may be in retaining the favor of Roman Catholics, a minority in this country, he will conclude there is more support to come from a right attitude on this matter from Protestants who constitute, with those who think like them, more than 70 per cent of the people in the nation."

Dr. Louie D. Newton, Atlanta Baptist pastor, who as president of the Southern Baptist Convention in 1946 was a member of the delegation that visited the President, commented on the resignation of Taylor: "It is earnestly hoped that the President will use the advantage of the Taylor resignation to terminate U. S. relations with the Vatican, which he promised in June 1946 he would do at an early date. This emergency appointment threatens to become a permanent arrangement already embodying full-time services of at last one career diplomat and embassy staff costing taxpayers \$40,000 annually. Congress ended original diplomatic relations with the Vatican in 1867 stating that no money shall be paid for support of American legation at Rome after June 20 unless Congress authorizes and approves resumption of diplomatic relation with the Vatican. The President assumes great responsibility in continuing the present arrangement."

Dr. Duke K. McCall, executive secretary of the Executive Committee of the Southern Baptist Convention, said in Nashville, Tenn.: "In private conversation President Harry Truman has indicated that he felt justified in continuing the appointment of Myron Taylor as special ambassador to the Vatican because it was a matter inherited from the Franklin D. Roosevelt administration. Without in any wise approving the continuation of the appointment, some of us have been able to understand the President's position. We rejoice now that without embarrassment to any part of his political constituency he is relieved of his problem and may freely chart his own course."

"It would be appropriate at this time for all who have repeatedly petitioned the recall of Myron Taylor to send a personal communication to the President indicating rejoicing that this embarrassing relationship is now terminated and urging that regardless of the pressure no successor be appointed."

—BR—

ORPHANAGE EXECUTIVES

(Continued From Page One) of South Carolina, to include the term of "social service worker" in the S.B.C. Handbook was defeated on the ground that it would unduly emphasize one particular department of the homes.

Hal F. Buckner, Texas, cited need for Baptist-supported homes for delinquent teen-agers. He suggested that they be operated as part of the orphanage systems but not on the same grounds. Texas Baptists have two such homes, a boys' ranch and the Bethesda home for girls in San Antonio.

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FOR THE FIRST TIME SINCE THE end of the war, the visits of Japanese to the Shinto Shrines dropped off heavily this year. Many of those who visited the Shrines went home with copies of the Gospel of John given to them by U. S. Bible groups.

WALTER GREENWOOD, JR.,
ORDAINED AT BREWER

WALTER GREENWOOD, JR.

On January 15, Brewer Church ordained Walter Greenwood, Jr., to the full ministry of the gospel.

Rev. J. H. Cothen, Jr., preached the sermon, Rev. W. P. Blair gave the charge and Rev. O. D. Cargile, pastor, presented the Bible and led in the ordaining prayer.

Mr. Greenwood is a student at Clarke Memorial College and is also serving as pastor of Antioch Church in Green County.

—BR—

ARMSTRONGS VIEW VENEZUELAN
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by Venezuelan Baptists, under the leadership of young Julio Moros, the present pastor, and president of the convention. Oscar Galdona, purchasing agent for the huge Shell Oil Co. here, led prayer meeting. Oscar's brother, Luis, young executive of the Gulf Oil Co. in Caracas, is the church music director. They with their wives are typical of the laymen who lead the Baptists in this country.

The church is 75 per cent self-supporting. It pays its pastor \$300 a month, plus his life insurance and special transportation expense. It pays all its own operating expenses, except rent. The average monthly offering of the church of 75 members is \$650, and a spontaneous offering Christmas Day totaled \$800.

The Jarman Foundation made it possible for the church to buy excellent property in downtown Caracas for \$105,000, and the Sunday School Board's architecture department offered blueprints for an adequate three-story house of worship and training about 70 feet wide and 160 feet deep. With those plans revised to meet local building requirements, and specifications for a \$200,000 project, the church will begin to build this spring.

The Neelys told us of congregations of believers scattered all over Venezuela who have formed churches which are Baptist in principle, just through reading the New Testament.

"The people are hungry for the evangelical gospel. Increasingly they want religious freedom with separation of church and state. We now have about 200 Baptists in all Venezuela. We could easily have 200,000 in ten years' time."

What an opportunity for Baptist missions!

—BR—

IT IS BETTER TO HAVE A 'TALLER' dog licking your palms than tearing your calves.—Erwin L. McDonald.

MISSISSIPPI BAPTIST
CONVENTION BOARD
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

January 17, 1956

Afternoon Session

The Executive Committee of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board convened in the office of the Executive Secretary at 4:00 p. m. with all members present. Prayer was led by W. L. Meadows.

The Committee was organized as follows:

Chairman—J. D. Ray.

Vice Chairman—C. W. Thompson.

Secretary—J. W. Landrum.

1. On motion of W. L. Meadows, seconded by Howard Aultman, Dr. W. E. Greene, president of the Convention, was requested to sit in the meeting.

2. The following requests for Pastoral Aid and Church Building Aid were received:

PASTORAL AID

Association	Church	Requested
Attala	New Salem	\$ 100
Deer Creek	Myersville	500
Deer Creek	Wildwood	500
Gulf Coast	McHenry	600
Gulf Coast	Lyman	900
Gulf Coast	Riverside	600
Leflore	Half Mile	400
Leflore	Mt. Vernon	600

BUILDING AID

Association	Church	Requested
Copiah	Sardis	No amount
Franklin	Hopewell	\$1200
Jones Co.	Sand Hill	600
Lebanon	Friendship	No
	Hattiesburg	Amount
Montgomery	Kilmichael	1000
Winston	Murphy Creek	450

3. J. R. Davis appeared before the committee and requested consideration of an article concerning legalization of liquor in Mississippi.

4. Howard Aultman moved and F. K. Horton seconded that those applicants for Building Aid who have not appeared before the full Board be requested to present their request to the Board since an early meeting is anticipated. Carried.

5. A motion by Wayne Allison and seconded by W. L. Meadows carried that Riverside Church, Gulf Coast Association, be granted \$25 per month pastoral aid. No action was taken on other requests.

6. W. L. Meadows moved and H. A. Scott seconded a motion which carried that the Associational Missionary of Jones County Association be paid according to the previous grant of the Board.

7. A. L. Gatewood, chairman of the Convention Radio Committee, presented a request for \$2000 additional funds for Radio Work. No action was taken.

8. A. L. Gatewood presented for consideration without any action the matter of homes for aged ministers which he recently suggested.

9. On motion of W. L. Meadows, seconded by Howard Aultman, the meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p. m. to convene at 7:15 p. m.

Evening Session

The Executive Committee convened at 7:15 with Vice Chairman C. W. Thompson presiding in absence of Chairman Ray who found it necessary to leave.

10. W. L. Meadows moved and H. A. Scott seconded a motion that Ita-

wamba Association be granted \$75 per month for an Associational Missionary. The motion carried.

11. On motion of Wayne Alliston, seconded by Howard Aultman, the allotment of \$150 Building Aid granted by the board to Alexander Memorial Church in Deer Creek Association was changed to \$150 for Pastoral Aid.

12. A motion by Wayne Alliston, seconded by Howard Aultman, was carried which authorized the following out-of-state trips for staff members:

W. P. Davis, Meeting of Southwide Secretaries, Dallas, Texas, February 7, 8, 9.

Martin J. Gilbert, Ridgecrest, June 1-7, Evangelistic Conference and Rural Church Conference.

E. C. Williams and members of the Sunday School department, Southwide Sunday School Teaching Clinic, Memphis, Tennessee, March 6-10.

13. W. L. Meadows moved and Howard Aultman seconded a motion which carried that funds for Indian Work be allocated by an Indian Work committee composed of William P. Davis, Chairman, and the Board member from each county in which Indian Work is being carried on.

14. On motion of Howard Aultman, seconded by W. L. Meadows, the \$16,000 grant of the Southern Baptist Sunday School Board was allocated as follows: Sunday School department—\$5200; Baptist Student Union department—\$5200; Baptist Training Union department—\$5600.

15. F. K. Horton moved and M. D. Morton seconded a motion which carried that the Training Union and Sunday School departments be permitted to spend not in excess of \$225 per department, and that other departments be permitted to spend not in excess of \$175 per department for the expenses of department heads and staffs to the Southern Baptist Convention. A negative vote was recorded by Wayne Alliston.

16. F. K. Horton moved and Wayne Alliston seconded a motion which carried that the Secretary issue a statement for the Executive Committee reaffirming our adherence to the historical position of Southern Baptists with regard to beverage alcohol.

17. On presentation of Item 14 of the minutes of the December Board meeting which was referred to the Executive Committee, it was voted on motion of Wayne Alliston, seconded by Howard Aultman, that collection of Ministers Retirement Plan funds collection be continued in the Convention Board office.

18. Item 60 of the Convention Board minutes was continued for further study.

19. Item 70 of the Convention Board minutes was presented, and on motion of F. K. Horton, seconded by M. D. Morton, it was voted to decline the offer of the Houston hospital, and that gratitude be expressed for the offer.

20. M. D. Morton moved and W. L. Meadows seconded that the meeting adjourn.

21. The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 p. m. with prayer by Wayne Alliston.

(Signed)
J. W. LANDRUM,
Secretary

LET EVERY CHRISTIAN AND EVERY MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH SEND IN THIS MONTH OF JANUARY AN OFFERING THROUGH THE COOPERATIVE PROGRAM FOR ALL THE WORK OF CHRIST! START THE YEAR RIGHT AS A COMMISSIONED CHRISTIAN!

Mississippi Baptists—Your Secretary Says: "Love Never Fails." I Corinthians 13:8

I

"This one thing I do." So wrote Paul! We hold one position and that one we are trying to do well. For the last two years we have not done the promotional work that proved so productive the years previous. During these last and present weeks promotional work is again going forward at a rapid rate.

Our Cooperative Program receipts continue to climb. For seventeen years this has been true! After a letdown in November (due in large measure to the week day on which a month ends) we found December 1949 about the same as December 1948.

The bookkeeper hands us a memo showing a Cooperative Program gain of \$2,115.45 the first twelve days of this January over the same period last year!

Baptisms gaining, Cooperative Program gaining, more churches, more pastors, more members, than ever before—Doxology! We ought to have more of the Spirit of Christ! Do we?

II

God has honored us with some great opportunities afield at different times. None more gracious than a Chicago people! They have been insistent and persistent beyond measure. During the few Sundays we supplied their pulpit they treated us as pastor in fact. They put our name as pastor at the masthead of the bulletin. This was in the first issue. We had that changed! They put our name as pastor on the bulletin board. We had that changed. It was not true! They printed a small supply of stationery with our name on it—couldn't change that! It was in fine spirit on their part!

Can you beat that for persistence? In considering the field the usual items were talked but the only agreement was in writing and also placed in the hands of our Executive Committee as follows:

“August 16, 1949

“Dear Brother McCurdy:

In my desire to be understood by everybody and to play fair with everybody I am making the following statement which you will recall my making in your presence recently:

“During these next several weeks while on leave I am happy to do some supply work for your fine church. Time is to be taken out at the request of the Executive Committee for making some associations during a couple of weeks. I also have a revival scheduled which will take me away one Sunday and the days on both sides of that Sunday. I am also making the Virginia Convention.

“While I requested leave without pay the Executive Committee generously insisted that I take it with pay. Therefore, no honorariums are involved so far as the supply is concerned but only expenses as stated.”

Everybody concerned has been more generous than I could expect for which I am deeply thankful. I trust we may not mark time in the work of Christ but that all of us may be able to do something worthwhile in these weeks ahead.

Blessings upon you. I am,

Your friend,

D. A. McCall

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cc William P. Davis, Associate Executive Secretary

cc Rev. Fred B. Booker, Recording Secretary, Executive Committee

P. S. Of course, as also stated the above is without further obligation on the part of anybody.”

III

In the figures for the calendar year which will appear soon we find that Mississippi Baptists gave \$721,829.58 to all causes through the Cooperative Pro-

gram. The grand total amounts to \$1,432,668.90. This is a grand record of love and loyalty on the part of Mississippi Baptists.

IV

Kingdom work on this earth suffers in the home going of Dr. W. A. Bell. Just a few years ago he completed his post graduate work at the New Orleans Seminary and seemed ready for an ever larger sphere of service. His graduation in the University of Glory was a triumph for him but a temporary loss to us. Our prayerful remembrance goes to his splendid helper, Mrs. Bell, Psalm 23. John 14.

V

We can never express appreciation for all the people as we feel it neither to all as they deserve it. We do like to express love and appreciation. We believe that to be some of Heaven's work.

In the retirement of Dr. W. S. Hardin, Kewanee, Mississippi, through physical disability, we lose the services of another princely pastor. He was having a marvelous ministry at Drew. He was helpful in all of the work of Christ. We wish for him and his fine wife every comfort and happiness in the days ahead.

Mrs. P. C. French leaves the Convention Board office through retirement. She had been here longer than any other person in the Baptist Building. It has been a delight to work with her. We have appreciated her loyalty and her fine spirit in service. We wish for her every good thing in Christ in the days ahead.

VI

Mississippi Baptists have always had good auditors for their work. Now for the third year the firm of Sanford, Watkins, and Mize has been selected to audit Convention Board books. They have rendered excellent service in the past.

VII

In our promotional work we recently mailed out a letter with two tracts enclosed to a large host of our people. The material in “The Last Week of the Ministry of Jesus in the Flesh” deals with events of the greatest life during the greatest week in all history. We hope you read it devotionally.

When we prepared the letter we did not know the splendid tract by Brother Davis would be ready for distribution in time for that mailing; therefore, it was not mentioned in the letter. You will profit in reading it carefully.

VIII

FROM THE LETTER BOX

We get many fine letters that strengthen us. I think you would be surprised at the number. Here are two from Missouri:

“Dear Dr. McCall:

Your message Monday P. M. was one of real inspiration to us all to go home and do a better job for the Lord.

You certainly had the good word of the whole group as our conference progressed in the fine way that you started it off for us.

I will personally welcome you back anytime to our great State.

Yours in Christ,
R. T. B. Leavell, pastor
Tabernacle Baptist Church
Kansas City, Missouri”

“Dear Brother McCall:

We surely enjoyed your sermon very, very much at our Evangelistic Conference. We need more fellows your type who don't hesitate to stand up and tell the world in which we live about the truths of the Bible. I shall be remem-



DR. WILLIAM P. DAVIS

Shown above is Associate Executive Secretary, Dr. William P. Davis, reading the Baptist Record, which is a good practice for anybody.

bering you in prayer.

Yours truly,
Minyard M. Barnett,
Superintendent
Department of Evangelism
Missouri Baptist General
Association”

Just about the first one before me this morning as follows: “Well I remember your sermon at Booneville one Sunday at the beginning of our School of Missions. What a wonderful sermon. One thing you said I can't get away from (among others) was that ‘the devil is throwing everything he can get hold of at the head of Christ and we will have to throw back.’ How true we find this. We thank God for ministers like you and like our good pastor, who are courageous, bold and powerful, for your prayers we thank you.

Sincerely”

From just about the oldest Baptist preacher in Mississippi and a distinguished one, “I hasten to write and congratulate you and also the Board on that wise act. You are doing a great work for the Lord, and may He continue to bless you. I am praying for you.”

Another one, “You have the faith of your friends in your work well done and their prayers too.”

From one of our best county seat pastors and a Board member the following:

“Dear Dr. McCall:

The Lord blessed us at the last meeting of the Convention Board. We are grateful for your fine spirit and leadership. I truly hope you shall not give any consideration to giving up the Secretaryship of Mississippi Baptists. We are in better shape now than in many months.

If at any time I may be able to help you any way call on me. I am Sincerely,”

From an outstanding pastor of one of our first First Churches something we do not merit but which we appreciate as follows:

“My dear Dr. McCall:

I don't want anything that you have, but just want to say that I am glad that you are our Secretary.

By all odds you are a great man. You are a leader among us, and our outstanding leader. When you think of those who do not like you, then reflect on the thousands who do love you. You are the pleader of our cause, and we thank you.

My kindest regards and respect to your whole force.

Sincerely”

Another from one of our top pastors of a top Baptist Church in the state: “With the great resources, talents, personality, and ability that are yours, God-given,

FAMILIARITY THAT DOES NOW BREED CONTEMPT: It is not always advisable for the preacher to call people by their first names, but it is good public relations for him to know the first names, as well as the last names, of his people. Few people like to be catalogued as ‘fellow’ or ‘Bud’ or ‘sister,’ or by some other crutch for a lack of personal interest or a weak memory. —Erwin L. McDonald.

may you serve Him who loved us and gave himself for us with more earnestness, zeal, consecration, and success than ever before. Whole-heartedly and truly yours.”

Those close to us have copied pages of such expressions from letters. We appreciate them but will not take the space to reproduce them.

Thank you and may God bless you.

IX

FOUR SINS WHICH CRUCIFIED JESUS

By Peter Rees Joshua
Published In January, 1950,
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(continued from last week)

A second sin which crucified Jesus is also a current evil. You will find this one in Matthew 26:15: “And said unto them, What will ye give me, and I will deliver him unto you? And they covenanted with him for thirty pieces of silver.” Notice, please, in the next verse how this dreadful sin became the gateway to betrayal: “And from that time he sought opportunity to betray him.”

We read in the Word that “the love of money”—not money itself—is the root of all evil.” Money can be used to God's glory if the motive and the purpose are sound. Light a candle; then extract a silver dollar from your pocket. You can place that silver dollar before the flame to hide the light, or you can place that highly polished symbol of wealth behind the flame to reflect the light. All money may be used in either of these ways. Whether it honors or dishonors God depends on the motive of the heart which controls it.

I have often wondered if there is not a deep significance for God's servants in the recorded act of Christ who in the one instance when He needed money had none, and commanded His disciple to get some from the mouth of a fish. In this issue as in others, they never caught the Lord Jesus. Even Pilate, the pathetic procurator, governing for luxury-loving, licentious and money-mad Rome, was forced to say of the Son of God, “I find no fault in Him.”

I have been astounded at the disruption caused in evangelical circles through men who could have been used of God mightily, but whose ministries have been shadowed and often broken through this curse of avarice. It has become so potent—and the sooner we face it the better—that I personally, to protect my ministry, have made it a practice when ministering for city-wide evangelical campaigns to request the committee to stipulate a reasonable fee, acceptable to the public, and publish it in the newspapers. I know I am dropping a bombshell here, but the sooner we take our money craving, often in the form of desire for love-offerings, to Calvary, the sooner we will see the curtain rise on the purifying revival Christendom needs. It begins at “Jerusalem,” and I suggest that the heart which is diseased with materialism, the heart which is harboring this sin which crucified Jesus, is in enmity against His purpose and will today.

Thirty pieces of silver was the price paid for the delivery of Jesus to His enemies. In Exodus 21:32 we learn that this was the price of a slave. How striking! And what a deadening kind of slavery this lust for money can be!

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Prepare Now To Vote

There are several bills before the Mississippi Legislature to submit to a vote of the people the question of legalizing liquor in Mississippi.

At this writing, it is impossible to know whether such a bill will be passed or not. **BUT LET'S PLAY SAFE.**

If we are to vote on the question of legalizing liquor, let's be prepared to vote. In order to vote, YOU MUST PAY YOUR POLL TAX. And it must be paid before February 1. You cannot wait to see if such a bill will be passed.

Go immediately and pay your poll tax and be ready to vote to keep the liquor menace at a minimum. Prohibition is not perfect but it is much better than liquor on every corner and in the middle of every block.

After you pay your poll tax register both in the county books and, if you live in town, in the city books.

By doing this you will be ready to help fight the liquor traffic.

After paying your poll tax and then registering or seeing that you are registered (don't guess) find out where the voting place is. These locations are sometimes changed and may have been changed since you last voted.

Remember that there are as many Baptists in Mississippi as all other denominations combined and unless we are prepared to vote, the other denominations alone cannot win the victory. DO IT NOW.

Baptists Beware

There is pending before the Congress H. R. Bill 6000 which extends Old-Age and Survivors benefits to approximately eleven million citizens of the United States. Included in that group would be the employed workers of Baptist churches. In other words our Baptist churches would be taxed to support this plan, even though our Relief and Annuity Board is prepared to care for them.

Dr. Walter R. Alexander, Executive Secretary of the Relief and Annuity Board has written a letter concerning the matter to Senator Walter F. George who is chairman of the committee in charge of the bill. It explains the problem better than we could do it and therefore we reproduce it below. Read it carefully. After reading it write a letter of protest to Senator George and to our two Mississippi senators, Hon. Jim Eastland and Hon. John W. Stennis. All addresses are Senate Office Building, Washington, D. C.

Senator Walter F. George
 Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Six and a half million white Baptists of the Southern states, Maryland to California, comprising the Southern Baptist Convention, are vitally interested in H. R. Bill 6000. In their name and behalf, and in my official capacity, I address this communication to you, respectfully asking your consideration of the matters set forth herein.

We understand that the bill referred to extends Old-Age and Survivors benefits to approximately eleven million citizens of the United States. It includes, among other groups, some six hundred thousand employees of non-profit institutions other than ministers and members of religious orders. It is this inclusion that greatly concerns Southern Baptists.

The Relief and Annuity Board is the convention agency of Southern Baptists, chartered under the laws of Texas, 1918, and is a purely benevolent institution. It operates a number of retirement plans, offering their coverage to every individual without regard to sex, age, race, or nationality, who bears a salaried relationship to any church, institution, or agency of the denomination.

Hundreds of our laity are participating through the Ministers Retirement Plan, along with more than ten thousand pastors of churches; while other thousands of individuals are participating through the Age Security Plan for lay church employees and the plans we operate for our hospitals, schools, colleges, orphanages, and other denominational agencies. It is true that participation in some groups is on a voluntary basis, but the response is even more gratifying, as eligible individuals are becoming dues-paying members, their dues matched by the employer. In this institution, for instance, which it is my

privilege to head, there are thirty employees, all thirty of them covered, and more adequately so than they would be under any social security provision of the Federal Government.

Much more detailed information might be given you, but I would not weary you with unnecessary details. We shall be happy to reply to any inquiries. **IN THE MEANTIME, WE MAKE BOLD TO ASK OF YOUR COMMITTEE THAT THE SAME CONSIDERATION BE GIVEN OUR LAY EMPLOYEES AS IS ACCORDED IN THE BILL TO MEMBERS OF RELIGIOUS ORDERS. IN THE CASE OF THE ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH, FOR INSTANCE, THAT BLANKET EXEMPTION DOES FOR THEM ALL THAT WE ASK FOR OUR LAY WORKERS, MANY OF WHOM, AS STATED ABOVE, ARE ALREADY COVERED BY OUR PLANS.**

If such exemption could not be made, can we not ask for the same consideration now given in the bill to state and local government employees? This would not make it mandatory upon the employees to participate under the Federal social security provisions, if, as a group, the majority voted to continue participation through their denominational retirement board. We have every reason to believe the employer in the case of many of our Baptist institutions and agencies, would choose not to pay the employer's share of the tax, fearing governmental encroachment upon the affairs of the church. Thus, all benefits accruing to the employee under the bill would be reduced on half; whereas, in every case thus far in the administration of our plans, the employer has agreed to, and is, matching the employee's money.

These matters I respectfully call to your attention and present for the consideration of your committee.

Yours very truly,
 WALTER R. ALEXANDER
 Executive Secretary

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Write Right Now

At long last Hon. Myron C. Taylor has resigned as President Truman's personal representative (Ambassador) to the Pope of the Roman Catholic Church.

In the words of Dr. Louie D. Newton:

Whether President Truman names successor to Taylor may depend on public opinion. If therefore Southern Baptists remain silent now we may miss the best opportunity in giving witness to our cherished convictions on religious liberty. May I be permitted to urge individuals and congregations and all possible Baptist meetings to send immediate telegrams and letters to the President with copies to your senators insisting that the President use this oc-

asion to terminate relations with Vatican.

We hope every person who reads this editorial will immediately write President Truman urging him not to name a successor to Mr. Taylor.

We hope that every church will do likewise.

Many could send a telegram. But do something and do it **RIGHT NOW.**

For ten years Baptists and Protestants have felt that they were double crossed by this action of President Roosevelt and then by President Truman. It has simply been beating the devil around the stump. It was doing by a subterfuge what could not be done legally.

Now that Mr. Taylor has resigned, let us urge the President not to make a successor. Now is a good time for the President to get rid of an annoying and probably embarrassing situation. Let's encourage him to do it.

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Wants More Don'ts

A faithful reader of the Baptist Record and a faithful member of one of Mississippi's better rural churches writes:

"I have been reading your editorials on **DON'TS FOR YOUNG PREACHERS** and have agreed with you 100 per cent. They have all been very good, especially your advice to stay resigned after resigning."

This good layman also states that his church is "split wide open because our pastor failed to take your advice and my heart is heavy because the church is bogged down and no hope in sight for advancement." He also states that the pastor is a good man but does too much hunting and fishing.

Not only this brother but several others have congratulated us on the series of editorials on **DON'TS FOR YOUNG PREACHERS**. We appreciate the good words but the compliment does not belong to us but to Dr. W. H. Baylor of Baltimore, Maryland. We so stated in the first of the series of editorials. However, we agree with the things listed by Dr. Baylor and wish that we had been the author for they should be helpful to any preacher.

As our brother states, this church, as well as many others, has been hindered because the pastor resigned but kept his finger in the pie. Pastor, when you resign be careful that you do nothing to hinder your successor.

We rarely find time to fish, but there is no harm in fishing, but a pastorate can be hindered by too much of it. How much is too much we do not know.

Thursday, January 26, 1950

THE BAPTIST RECORD

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Salem Plans Ground Breaking February 5**Ed. Plant to Cost \$6,500**

Salem Church in Hinds County has planned to have a Ground Breaking Service on February 5. Rev. R. L. Wallace, Raymond, and Rev. W. L. Howse, of Southwestern Seminary, Ft. Worth, Texas, will be the speakers.

The proposed educational plant is estimated to cost \$6,500. The Building Fund, which began in May, 1949, now holds \$4,140. All tithes and offerings on February 5 will go into the fund.

Rev. Gordon Sather is pastor of the church.

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Committee On Location Of Seminary In East Meets

CHARLOTTE, N. C.—(BP)—A Southern Baptist Convention committee on location of a new theological seminary somewhere in the southeastern states met here last week to receive proposals from Charlotte and Asheville, N. C.; Washington, D. C.; Greenville and Spartanburg, S. C.; and Columbus and Atlanta, Ga.

Members of the committee present at the meeting were Doctors Claud Bowen, Greensboro, N. C.; J. W. Storer, Tulsa, Okla.; J. H. Buchanan, Birmingham, Ala.; Wade Bryant, Roanoke, Va.; Vernon Richardson, Baltimore, Md.; A. E. Tibbs, Greenville, S. C.; Duke K. McCall, Nashville, Tenn.; and Louie D. Newton, Atlanta, Ga.

The committee announced to the competing cities that its next meeting will be held in Birmingham, Ala., February 21, at which time final qualifying under terms of minimum requirements will be considered. The committee will make its recommendation to the 1950 session of the Convention in Chicago in May.

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MOODY'S NIECE VISITS BROOKHAVEN CONFERENCE

The second annual Brookhaven Bible Conference was a tremendous success. The people were faithful in supporting the conference, a number of preachers came from other sections, and each speaker made an invaluable contribution to the success of the conference.

Three featured speakers were presented in the Bible Conference this year: Dr. Richard Ellsworth Day, writer of Christian biography, inspired his hearers with lives of men of whom he has written; Dr. John L. Hill, former book editor of the Sunday School Board, drew people closer to their Saviour as he brought messages from the New Testament; and Dr. R. Lofton Hudson, pastor of First Baptist Church, Shawnee, Oklahoma, was a distinct blessing as he presented Christ as the solution to human problems.

Special features of the conference included open forums by each of the speakers, luncheons at the church for preachers, a stag party for preachers' wives, a tour of the city missions program sponsored by the First Baptist Church, and special music between sessions of the conference.

Of particular interest in Brookhaven was the fact that on Thursday night, January 12, when Dr. Day lectured on the life of Moody, a niece of Mr. Moody, Miss Lydia E. Washburne, who had made available to Dr. Day much of the material used in the preparation of his book, was in the audience and was presented to the congregation.

Pilgrim's Rest Has New Pastorium; Is Now Debt-Free**DR. E. D. ELLIOTT SUES DELTA DEMOCRAT-TIMES FOR SLANDER**

A telegram from Dr. E. D. Elliott, pastor of the First Baptist Church, Greenville states that he is filing suit against the "wet" Delta Democrat-Times, Greenville, for slander and defamation of character in misquoting him, thereby misleading the public in an article which became statewide, causing untold harm to the Cause of Righteousness.

Mr. Edward Bogen, attorney at law, is prosecuting.

(Editor's note: A statement from Dr. Elliott appears elsewhere, as does a full page ad from the deacons of the First Baptist Church.)

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J. M. FOY RESIGNS AT SOUTH LAUREL CHURCH

The Rev. J. M. Foy has resigned as pastor of South Laurel church to accept a call to the Spring Hill church at Franklinton, Louisiana. He plans to take up his new assignment about February 1.

During his five and one half years as pastor of South Laurel, membership was increased from 151 to 305, a Sunday School annex was built and a pastorium purchased, all of which are paid for. The entire building has also been reworked and painted and new equipment added, including an electric water cooler, a piano and baptistry.

Members of the South Laurel congregation are giving the minister and his wife a farewell social at the church on Friday night.

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The Dad-Lad Banquet was held during R. A. Focus week at the First Church, Brookhaven, in November. Dr. Walter F. Bisbee, State R. A. Secretary, was the guest speaker. An additional attraction was a film of Camp Garaywa which was shown after the meal.

LET EVERY CHRISTIAN AND EVERY MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH SEND IN THIS MONTH OF JANUARY AN OFFERING THROUGH THE COOPERATIVE PROGRAM FOR ALL THE WORK OF CHRIST! START THE YEAR RIGHT AS A COMMISSIONED CHRISTIAN!

SUNDAY SCHOOL AND TRAINING UNION ATTENDANCE

January 22, 1950

Brandon	218	74
Jackson, Davis Memorial	343	146
Jackson, South Side	290	108
Jackson, First	1420	514
Jackson, Parkway	869	304
Parkway Chapel	107	62
Jackson, Northside	520	192
Jackson, Van Winkle	435	233
Jackson, Daniel Memorial	304	136
Jackson, Calvary	1375	328
Calvary Mission	35	35
Byram (Hinds County)	122	121
East Side (Rankin County)	95	50
New Albany	711	184
Hillman (Lincoln County)	70	62
Houka (Chickasaw County)	100	38
Center (Union County)	114	50
Rawls Springs (Lebanon Association)	157	116
Yazoo City, First	343	75
Siloam (Simpson County)	66	38
Corinth, Tate Street	310	133
East Moss Point	210	89
Darling	67	41
Bruce	228	100
Delay	64	30
Greenville, Second	275	145
Cherry Creek (Pontotoc County)	104	76
Paul Truitt (Hinds County)	180	158
Shady Grove (George County)	146	139
West Laurel	479	174
Bethlehem (Jones County)	129	110
Friendship (Lincoln County)	98	75
Brookhaven, Pearlhaven	164	88
Brookhaven, First	760	180
Hamilton Street Chapel	98	54
Central Chapel	116	92
Mt. Zion (Lincoln County)	120	69
Bogue Chitto (Pike County)	80	48
Centreville	132	44
Ruth	94	98
South McComb	262	67
Goss	91	78
Louisville, First	480	117
Louisville, Evergreen	85	48
Union (Pearl River County)	195	193
Hattiesburg, Main Street	932	310
East McComb	509	284
Laurel, Second Avenue	479	135
Laurel, First	645	172
Columbus, First	1020	323
Leesburg (Rankin County)	132	201
Kosciusko, First	627	213
Big Creek	87	41
Gulfport, First	740	158
Crystal Springs	639	210
Beulah (Simpson County)	154	148
Union (Alcorn County)	76	104
Carson	106	93
Newton	415	165
Pelahatchie	124	46
Friendship (Pike County)	154	94
Pascagoula, First	595	228
Eastlawn Mission	57	27
Chapel No. 2	42	33
Unity Mission	35	33
Raleigh	153	85
East Fork (Amite County)	126	57
Brooklyn	104	69
County Line (Copiah County)	129	63
Carmel (Lawrence County)	113	88
Lucedale	321	119
Meridian, Fifteenth Avenue	555	125
Meridian, Highland	500	262
Meridian, South Side	357	152
Meridian, Eighth Avenue	349	86
Meridian, Forty-First Avenue	261	76
Oakland Heights	185	88
January 15, 1950		
Leesburg (Rankin County)	147	185
County Line (Copiah County)	120	67
Hernando	117	67
Carmel (Lawrence County)	96	81
Marion	139	105
Bruce	258	93

The Pastor As Administrator
By DR. A. DONALD BELL
Professor of Psychology
Mississippi College

Editor's note: This is a copy of a paper read by Dr. Bell at the recent meeting of the Central Mississippi Baptist Pastors' Conference. The pastors present were greatly impressed and requested its publication. Space limitations made it necessary to slightly condense the article.

The modern pastor is as much an administrator as is a busy business executive, or an institutional president. Is there a danger in this fact? Yes, if the pastor neglects his duties as "shepherd" of the flock. His administrative duties ought not minimize his regular "pastoral" work. The efficient church leader will keep a good balance between these two realms of activity.

The field of administrative obligations of pastoral leadership is of great importance today. Every pastor must seek to make himself familiar with leadership techniques. He has been called to a most high place of service—every moment and every ounce of energy is invaluable. If any person ought to be an efficient administrator—it certainly should be a Christian minister. In view of these facts, a brief study of the pastor as administrator may prove helpful.

**The Pastor Is Leader
Of The "Whole" Church**

Due to the recent trend toward full time, paid, specialized workers in the local church, many of our pastors have thought of the Educational Director as taking from the pastor his responsibilities in this field. The same principle follows with the Choir Director, Church Secretary, and others. Therefore, we need to see the pastor as the "over all leader" of his church. This will necessitate his having a working knowledge of all aspects of the program of the church. He will then be, in the fullest sense of the term, an administrator.

If he is the pastor of the whole church he will have leadership responsibilities to all his membership, and will benefit by a familiarity of leadership techniques. Our leading American authority in this administrative field is Dr. Ordway Tead of New York City, whose books would be very helpful to any pastor. Dr. Tead defines leadership as "the activity of influencing people to cooperate toward some goal which they have come to find desirable." The leader must take people where they are and guide them to where they ought to be. If the leader is to guide his followers he must have a clear cut conception as to where he wants his people to go.

Administrators Are Symbols

Every administrator is a symbol of his work, his vocation, and the group or institution which he represents. Every leader unconsciously advertises himself and his work. Babe Ruth is more than a man in that he is a symbol of an American way of life and a great American sport.

The pastor is no exception in this case. Every pastor, as an administrator, becomes a symbolic leader to his congregation and to the world. In other words, people unconsciously judge the ministry by one typical pastor.

Every administrator is careful to present himself as a true and accurate symbol of his work and of the things which he represents. The ac-

tive pastor constantly has two influences: direct, thorough his preaching and actual work; indirect, through his general influence on people and the community.

Through this indirect influence the pastor can do much to enthuse, inspire, and challenge his people. A close parallel to this idea is found in the physical plant of the church. Just as the pastor himself is a symbol of his work so the church building indirectly influences people in their conception of Christian work. If a church building presents a worshipful, efficient, neat, and active appearance to passers-by it is good advertising for the work of that church. Even so does the pastor, as a symbolic leader, direct and influence.

An Administrator Of A Democracy

The pastor of a Baptist church is very definitely the leader of a democratic group. An understanding of the democratic approach to administration will be exceedingly helpful to him. In addition to the book *The Art of Leadership* Dr. Tead has recently written a small volume called *Democratic Organization*. This little volume embodies the fundamental principles of leading a democratic group. Knapp has an older volume called *Leadership Education In The Church* which is helpful from the pastor's point of view. Also a book called *Enlisting and Developing Church Leaders* by Milhouse will be exceedingly useful.

There is only one publication written by a Southern Baptist which deals exclusively with democratic Baptist organization. It is *Christian Leadership* by Preston.

The leader of a democratic group, like a Baptist church, must not think that the informality of such organization makes the job easier. Actually the opposite situation is true. Democratic leadership is difficult because:

(1) The leader must prove himself—he has no blueblood or inheritance to back him up.

(2) The democratic leader is an over-all leader and is personally responsible for everything under his administration.

(3) Democratic leadership calls for special training and skill. The pastor must know everything!

(4) The Democratic pastor must know his followers because he represents them.

(5) He must constantly fight personalized, autocratic leadership.

(6) He must always keep a step ahead of his followers.

(7) He must be spiritually sensitive to the goals and objectives of his group.

Many other reasons could be given for making the role of a democratic leader difficult and complex. Too, at the least, he must be a very high type of man with unlimited natural and spiritual resources and with a wealth of experience and training. A man with less qualifications could be a dictator, but only the best man can be a democratic pastor.

Some Methods Of Administration

The pastor must steer the program and will use the following methods with a more or less indirect technique.

(1) Giving suggestions. Rather than give orders the pastor must give suggestions or recommendations. If he is tactful and uses sound, psychological principles he will be able to get his ideas across to his people by suggestion. The wise pastor will make sure that his officers and leaders

FLORIDA BAPTIST MEMBERSHIP gained from 242,804 in 1948 to 261,527 in 1949. They reported 17,467 baptisms, or one for each 15 members. The number of churches with services only once a month decreased from 72 to 53, and the number of full-time churches increased from 619 to 652. There are now 916 churches. The largest gains were reported in city churches, but substantial gains were also made in open country churches, except in gifts to missions where reduced agricultural prices were reflected.

know their duties. This will reduce the number of conflicts and misunderstandings in reference to his leadership. The followers in a good organization always know what is expected of them.

(2) Giving reproof. Since the pastor is a prophet and a shepherd he must preach the truth and occasionally reprove his people. If he is wise, the good leader will seldom use this method, but even as Christ used the whip the pastor must occasionally call his people to reenchantment. Some leadership principles to remember here are: (a) be impersonal, (b) have the facts (Biblical and non-Biblical), (c) be just and fair regardless of personal likes and dislikes, (d) never use anger, and (e) be Christian in your approach.

(3) A third method and technique of administration is the commendation. Too infrequently does the pastor give credit to his people for their work. Christianity is the largest world movement ever to be led dominantly by volunteer leaders and workers. Your people may not be meeting your standards, yet commend them for what they are doing.

(4) Another method of leading is for the leader to maintain a right personal bearing. The pastor is being straight forward, not condescending, kind and Christian in spirit maintains the right bearing before his people. This is so important that it has been listed as a method for leading his people.

(5) Getting suggestions. The democratic leader will get suggestions from his people and give them credit for their ideas.

(6) The good leader will strengthen the sense of his group. He will build up the "church family" idea. Allegiance to the group will be emphasized.

(7) He will encourage self-respect on the part of his followers by giving them the information and by building them up with personal affection.

The Administrator's Personal Life

The pastor as administrator will be characterized by several things which are listed below:

(1) He is a dreamer of dreams, and he looks out ahead to the goals.

(2) He is inspirational to his people.

(3) He will have a contagious personality with emotional appeal.

(4) He will have and radiate deep-rooted divine resources.

The Pastor Leading Others

The wise pastor-leader has no idea of his own. He gives the people credit for everything. He is a spiritual coach who, in a sense, must always work through others.

He is interested in training his followers through formal courses and classes and by means of apprenticeship teaching, camps, and conferences, he is in the fullest sense of the term a democratic leader who emphasizes his people.

**O. B. BEVERLY ACCEPTS
WOODVILLE PASTORATE**
Served Flora Seven Years



REV. O. B. BEVERLY

Rev. O. B. Beverly, pastor at Flora, has accepted a call by the Woodville Church and will assume his duties on the new field February 1, preaching his first sermon February 5.

Mr. Beverly is a native of Wayne County and was educated at Clarke College, Mississippi College and New Orleans Theological Seminary. He is an A.B. graduate of Mississippi College and a Th.M. of New Orleans Theological Seminary.

After leaving the Seminary he served as pastor in several churches; among these were Hardy in Grenada County, and Paynes in Tallahatchie County. He came to Flora in 1943.

During his pastorate at Flora the church has made marked progress. Financially the budget climbed from \$6,000 in 1943 to \$17,000 in 1949. During this time more than \$10,000 in improvements have been added to the church property, including a Hammond organ, the pastorum reroofed and a modern kitchen and breakfast room fixed, sidewalks added on each side of the church, the annex almost completely refinished and many Sunday school rooms furnished, two pianos added, an electric water cooler, and a hot water tank. Visual education equipment and Attic fans were installed.

During this time the Sunday School has doubled in enrollment and is now Standard. A Training Union was organized and has 96 enrolled. A Brotherhood was organized and is one of the two Brotherhoods in Madison County.

Mrs. Beverly is the former Ruby Jones of Wayne County. There are two children, Wendell, 13, and Ted, 5.

**RALEIGH PAYS DEBT
ON \$10,000 ANNEX**

Raleigh Church has completely paid the debt on their recently-erected educational annex, according to the quarterly report. Valued at \$10,000, the annex is completely furnished, and has a kitchen which has also been fully equipped. A piano has been purchased by the W. M. U.

The report also shows that an average attendance of 99 was maintained in Sunday School and an average of 121 attended Training Union.

Rev. Quenton E. Floyd is the pastor.

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IF THE CHOICE MUST BE MADE
between the approval of God upon your work and that of the chairman of deacons, there is no choice. But, often, it is possible to live in favor with both God and deacons.—Erwin L. McDonald.

Department of Temperance Activities

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OPEN HEARING A SUCCESS

The open hearing before the Temperance Committee in the House of Representatives on Wednesday night, January 11, was a great success. The house was packed with Dries from many sections of the state. Many pastors were there even though it was held on Wednesday night.

Every argument advanced by the advocates of legalized whiskey in Mississippi was refuted. There is not one single sound argument for legalizing whiskey.

Their propaganda is as poisonous as the venom of a rattle snake.

DRY STATES HAVE LESS CRIME

It is alleged by advocates of legalized whiskey that prohibition is responsible for crime. They claim that respect for all Law has been broken down because of prohibition. Facts will not bear out their argument. The reverse is true. Mississippi has less crime than our neighbors. An honest comparison will disclose this fact. There is very little difference in the people of Alabama and those of Mississippi. Outside of an imaginary line which divides us, we are the same people. Alabama has legalized whiskey and Mississippi has prohibition. How do we stand by honest comparison with respect to crime?

Offenses known to the police on the basis of each 100,000 population:

	Alabama	Mississippi
Murder	12.62	4.77
Robbery	24.6	13.7
Aggravated Assault	125.9	73.8
Burglary	289.9	200.5
Larceny	416.3	391.5
Auto Theft	103.7	68.7

By this comparison Mississippi has less crime in every Department than Alabama. If Mississippi did not have legal Beer in 19 counties it would have an even better record.

It is common knowledge that Beer taverns, and any other place that sells alcoholic beverage, breed crime.

Note how Mississippi ranks with those states in the East South Central division on the offenses which are caused largely by liquor for each 100,000 population.

State	Murder	Robbery	Auto Theft
Kentucky	6.29	56.9	176.1
Mississippi	4.77	13.7	68.7
Tennessee	11.62	32.1	125.5
Alabama	12.62	24.6	103.7

Source: Uniform Crime Reports, F.B.I., Vol. XIX, No. 1, 1948.

— BROTHERHOOD DEPARTMENT —

W. R. ROBERTS, Secretary

EDWINA MAY, Office Secretary

BROTHERHOODS ARE REPORTING

Pilgrim's Rest Brotherhood in Panola County reports that they are meeting after Prayer Meeting and are enlisting men to come to Prayer Meeting as well as to Brotherhood.

County Line Baptist Church at Crystal Springs reports thirty-seven enrolled with an average attendance of sixteen. They are planning to have weekly Cottage-Prayer-Meetings in the community this month.

Mesa Brotherhood of Tylertown is planning to hold a Laymen's Revival on February 15-17. This is one of our very fine Brotherhoods. Mr. Hughey Breeland, the Associational Brotherhood president of Walthall County, belongs to this organization.

Southside Brotherhood of Meridian sent nineteen baskets of groceries on December 23. Most of the families receiving groceries also received toys and clothing valued at fifty dollars and the retail cost of the groceries was one hundred sixty-seven dollars. This report comes from C. A. Seale. Lauderdale Associational Brotherhood

Does the Unusual

The Brotherhood organization of Lauderdale County had an impressive panorama erected by the roadside of highway 80 and 11 in the east section of Meridian, depicting the City of Bethlehem in the distance with a huge lighted star just beyond. Three life size wise men astride camels were journeying toward the City. Large spot lights played upon this scene from seven until eight-thirty each night. Recordings of beautiful Christmas music furnished by the choirs

of six of the city churches and the Brotherhood chorus were heard.

This scene drew large crowds each night, with an estimate of about three thousand automobiles stopping for a period of time during the week.

BAPTIST MEN'S RALLIES PLANNED

More Baptist Men's Rallies

Baptist Men's Rallies are planned for early February in Perry County and Montgomery County. The meetings are to be held as follows: Perry County Rally at Beaumont Church Monday evening, February 6, with Brother U. G. Salter, host pastor; and Montgomery County Rally at First Church, Winona, Thursday evening, February 23, with Brother C. B. Hamlett, III, host pastor. The purpose of these meetings is to stimulate interest in Brotherhood work. The host pastors join the Brotherhood Secretary in urging that every pastor in these Associations be present and bring a group of men.

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BLUE MOUNTAIN, MISS., JAN 17—Miss Daisy Miles, Blue Mountain College alumna and former Hot Springs, Ark., public school teacher, holds a national record of 72 awards in Baptist Sunday school, Training Union, and Woman's Missionary Union work. According to records of Southern and Northern Baptist Conventions, this is a new high record in Baptist awards to one person. Miss Miles expects to receive another award in a week or two. Miss Miles is leaving next spring for Los Angeles, Calif., where she will become part-time teacher in the California Baptist Theological seminary. She will reside in Birch Hall, the seminary's new dormitory built by G. B. DeMille.

Dearing Goes To Handsboro



REV. JOHN T. DEARING, JR.

Rev. John T. Dearing, Jr., has resigned the pastorate of The First Church, Bay St. Louis, to accept the leadership of the Handsboro Baptist Church. He succeeds Rev. Paul Cooper who resigned at Handsboro to go to Outwood, Ky., to serve as chaplain of the Army Hospital there.

The Handsboro Church is in the midst of a challenging building program, and with the building program has come a tremendous increase in membership and interest, until at the present time the church is faced with the prospect of having to plan for an even larger building than is being built at the present.

Following the evening service on January 22 at the Handsboro Church an informal reception will be held for the new pastor and his family, Mrs. Dearing, formerly Kathryn Nicholson of Pine Bluff, Arkansas, a son, John David, aged 7, and Mary Kathryn, age 8 months. Mr. Dearing is a graduate of Ouachita Baptist College, Arkadelphia, Arkansas. He completed his Seminary education in 1947 at the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary with a Th.M. degree. Upon arrival at Handsboro, the Handsboro people showered them daily with prepared foods while they were getting settled in the new field.

The church in Bay St. Louis, under Mr. Dearing's leadership showed an increase of approximately 200 members. In June, 1945, when he accepted the pastorate of Bay St. Louis, the church had just gone full time the Sunday before with a total membership of 9 and upon Brother Dearing's resignation it was pointed out that the membership stood at 264 with five additions before he left. Soon after his coming to Bay St. Louis the pastor with the people began in earnest to work on an almost dormant Building program. The church at that time was a small frame building of one room with a small lot allowing no room for expansion. The church had approximately \$3,000.00 in its building fund and a lot on Main Street next to the Post Office which had been donated by one of the members. With the generous aid of the State Mission Board and Christian friends everywhere the Church moved on November 2, 1947, into its new home, a brick building and Sunday School of New England architecture, costing \$48,000.00 with a debt of only \$5,000.00. During the years of building the church, formerly on pastoral aid, asked to be released from future pastoral aid, having grown into a full-fledged church standing on its own. Two years later, December 25,

Bentonia Constructs \$10,000 Pastorium CHURCH GOES FULL-TIME

The Bentonia Church recently completed a new pastorium in time for the pastor, Pete Evans, to begin full-time work the first of the year. The church had supported full-time work before, but renting a pastorium proved unsatisfactory. About two years ago the church voted to continue only half-time until a permanent place could be provided for the pastor.

The new frame three-bed room home which has now been built by the church, is valued at \$10,000, and only \$2,200 is still owing. Since the pastor and his wife moved on the field, the Sunday School attendance has jumped from 45 to 76. Similar gains have been shown throughout the work of the church.

The Rev. Mr. Evans who has served the church for 14 months, is a 1940 graduate of Mississippi College. Mrs. Evans, nee Mary Katherine McDonald, is a graduate of Meridian Junior College and also attended Mississippi College.

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DR. W. S. HARDIN RESIGNS AT DREW

Dr. W. S. Hardin has resigned as pastor of the Drew Church, on the advice of his physicians at the Ochsner Clinic in New Orleans. The doctors advised a "time-out" period of at least six months. Dr. Hardin plans to re-enter the work at some later date.

On authority of the church a letter to Dr. Hardin was published in the church bulletin in recognition of the service which he had rendered to the church, association, and State. The increases made in membership, church finances, religious activities, etc., were also mentioned in the letter from the church.

Dr. and Mrs. Hardin are now in Kewanee, Mississippi, but plan to go to Florida in February for an extended period of time.

Dr. Howard Spell, of Clinton, will serve as a supply at Drew until a pastor is called.

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IF A COUNTRY IS DISTINCTIVELY Catholic . . . the civil rulers can consider themselves justified in restricting or preventing denominational activities hostile to the Catholic religion . . . In a country like the United States, where the religious affiliations of the citizens are so numerous and so diverse . . . complete equality for all religions is undoubtedly the most commendable policy. (Freedom of Worship, The Catholic Position, by Francis J. Connel, approved by Archbishop Spellman, New York, The Paulist Press, 1944.)

1949, the church held a victory day program on Christmas day and retired the remaining portion of its debt in one day's contributions of gifts to the Lord on the day we celebrate as His birthday.

The church in Bay St. Louis now has a surplus in the building fund for future building purposes, soon to be needed. The church gave Rev. and Mrs. Dearing a farewell shower of assorted linens.

The Lord is blessing the Coast of Mississippi with His special favor. The entire area is fast developing into a powerful Baptist environment, with new Baptist Churches springing up every year, and established Baptist Churches growing and becoming stronger for the Lord.

Finance South America

by D. Scottie McCall

Eternity Church, Chicago, Illinois

and people since, through
it in the Lord Christ. I never
have been anyone Jesus has
preached to somebody be-
cause He, some Him, some-
body lives for He never have
had anywhere other
than Jesus. "No one salvation
any other for none other
me under heaven among men,
thereby we must" Acts 4:12.

Every one here this
morning, you've had the Jesus
story. Any lost man, boy or
girl, here this morning you are
saved, you will be the Jesus
Saves!

Now, I would talk on China,
metime. I think the words,
"Jesus Saves" in my heart in
Shanghai, China, never have
any other place that's another
story, except to say I drove up
a little churchman said,
"Yonder's the sign Grace Bap-
tist Church." Yonder it is, I
am sure, in Shanghai that sign
said, "I can't do laundry list
Chinese" build. "It says,
Jesus Saves." A boy leaped a
little bit there had before,
since, at the of "Jesus
Saves." It came with renewed
reverence that He's in that
business around world. Jesus
Saves! JESUS SAVES!

Well, we flew down to Rio,
taking a stop between. A
city of a million and I knew
there were fifty churches down
there that had up about the
name of Jesus. The privilege of
sitting twelve and preaching
about six of we have one
Baptist college here with 1,800
students enrolled. Jesus has
one out of bus know, and
the mission bus bogged
down, and missioner floundering
around, so what I preach-
in that collegian college,
with 1,800 students. I know of
a lot of Christians in North
America who have 1,800 stu-
dents enrolled. The a seminary
here! They have M. U. Training
school there. My Christians, the
pastors, the miss, the deacons
that I did meet, met, because
the boy was with all of it. If
you doubt anything, just ask
me after the service already told
me to support this message,
and I'm sure he'll do everything.

All right, we down to
Montevideo, Uruguay is one
of the best countries in
South America. Mission work is
very well established there. And
then, after dark, at Buenos
Aires. B. A. I know, I don't
know how to say it. I never
heard anybody to knew how to
pronounce it. They pronounce it
correctly the first, they cannot
hold it" the second, so I just call
it B. A. It is a three million
population, and friend of mine
is president of local Seminary
down there. We in his home,
and I met the miss, and I met
the pastors, and deacons.

I had the privilege giving testi-
mony for Jesus Friday evening
in the church of Dr. LeTorre is
the pastor. He is a medical phy-
sician, and a dynamic leader.
One of the most spiritual men
I ever saw! He come with ease
on any level of this or any
other country. Some tell you
something. That was packed
and jammed! The room was fill-
ed, the seating exhausted, and
then on three sides lined the wall.
Now, they did me from
"Adam's house" sure Adam
had a house called knew that
a brother from America was
there and they were to have fel-
lowship with him. The young
Christian boy, the privilege
of telling them about the service

man said. He said, "You know, one
landed at the airport one day and we
put ten gallons of gasoline in him be-
fore we found out he was not a bomber." They are not that big, but they
are big mosquitoes. I tell you what we
did. We embalmed one, the boy and I
embalmed one. This is true. We em-
balmed one and I have him in the
drawer of the desk in the Baptist
Building. That's right, isn't it Scottie,
Jr.? See, I take my testimony along
with me. I take my "backer-up" around
with me. That's right. But now you
know, I was talking through an inter-
preter, a delightful missionary, Miss
Marguerite. She was standing right here
and I was standing here. I would speak
a few sentences and stop, and she would
interpret what I had said or what I
should have said, and when I told that
mosquito story, she just started laughing,
and then she turned to me: she said,
"I don't believe I can interpret
that." I said, "Oh, I guess you can." She
laughed a little bit more, and
then she turned to me. She said, "I tell
you I just cannot interpret that." "Well," I said, "It doesn't make any
difference, its not important." So I
went ahead with my story, with my
testimony. After the service, she said,
"You know why I could not interpret
that mosquito story?" I said, "No,"
she said, "It wasn't that. I did not
know how to interpret, right quickly,
liters into gallons or gallons into liters." Well I didn't either, so I couldn't help
her any along that line. But the South
American people have a delightful sense
of humor. Let me tell you something.
If Christians do not have something
to be happy about, you tell me who
does! If Christians do not have something
to shout about, you tell me who
does! I have a good time wherever I
go! I've just had some of the best times
in the world up here, and I had a good
time in South America, and in Alaska,
and around the world. Why not? WHY
NOT?

Well we started to cross the
continent. It got cold down there. You
know, across the equator, up at Manaus
and Belem, we just nearly burned up,
but we were way down yonder, now
inside across that other tropic, which
one is it down there, Capricorn? That's
right? Thank you. Which ever one it
is that's what it is, anyhow. And it
was cold. And listen, I had not seen
a church house yet, that had one de-
gree of artificial heat. And by the time
we got over to Cordoba, it was below
freezing. And yet, I saw a girl's Sun-
day School class sit out of doors for an
hour studying the Bible, with the tem-
perature below freezing. And I saw a
young men's class doing the same thing.
Well, the only difference between be-
ing in the house and outside was, the
house just caught cold and held it. I
preached with my overcoat on. Every
man who had one had on his overcoat,
and the ladies looked like they had on
everything they had. And I preached
five times there in those churches with
that temperature below freezing, no
artificial heat, and yet, people came
to church.

Now you live up here in windy,
cold, Chicago. I haven't seen it so
cold. Been looking for that bad weather
you have been talking about. I'll have
to come back and see it some time. It's
not so bad. But suppose you didn't have
any artificial heat, whatsoever, as
loyal as you are, I wonder how many
would be here Sunday morning. You
know, we take the best care of our
health. You know, we just take good
care of our health. We can go to a
prize fight or political rally or ball
game, with snow on the ground. I tell
you what I did, with twenty odd thou-
sand other idiots. I sat at the first
Delta Bowl football game, three years
ago, and it was as cold as blazes, two
and one-half hours, out in the weather,
seeing a football game. I was going to
leave at the end of the third quarter,
but they started doing business at the
beginning of the fourth quarter and
they won the game, and I stayed too.
Yes, but how many people would do
that at church, Huh? They do it in
South America. Yes sir, you know, we
catch more pneumonia and more cold
at church than any place in the world.
You know, if I was going to die of
pneumonia, I would rather die of
church pneumonia than any other
brand I know. Hadn't you? But not
too many people die of church pneu-
monia, it's mostly some other kind.
Isn't that right? All right, I tell you
the truth, I ate cold, I slept cold, I
got up cold, I preached cold. Some

of you will agree to that.

Then we flew across the Andes.
About 14,000 feet high, 5,280 feet a
mile. I know it depends on who's feet
they use as an average, but that's away
up yonder, and the oxygen is very
scarce, and they feed you oxygen, you
know, on those planes. A little tube
you insert in your mouth and puff
away. The boy here puffed away just
"projekin" around, but I was not
"projekin" around. I needed inside
help and information. If we had been
thirty minutes longer getting across
the Andes, I'm sure I would have been
sick.

But flying across, there we looked
down, and it was Santiago, Chile. Well,
taxis were waiting and church members
were waiting, and seminary students
were waiting, and training school
students were waiting, and they had saved
two turkeys for a banquet, when we
arrived. Our plane was one day late,
because of the weather. And I had the
privilege of talking to that group about
Jesus that evening. I had to speak
through an interpreter. I got a little
French and German, Greek, and a
little English, and so on, in school, but
I didn't get Spanish or Portuguese. I
don't know why our colleges have
fooled around so, with so many Spanish
speaking peoples all around us, but
a few years ago, when I was in college,
they didn't do very much with Spanish,
and I know some, not doing very
much with it today. And so I had to
speak through an interpreter, and
Brother Bryant was the interpreter
and it was the first time he had ever
interpreted and he got delightfully confused.
At times he was speaking to me
in Spanish and speaking to the others
in English. He wasn't help me a little
bit and I don't think he was doing
much for the others, but it was all in
good spirit and we had a lot of fun,
and a good time in Christ. Well, I must
hurry along.

We flew from there to Antofagasta.
I have to watch myself, I want to say
"antiphlogistin" every time I say that.
I don't know whether you know what
that vegetable is up here or not. Anto-
fagasta is in the northern part of Chile,
where we contacted mission work and
where we had the privilege of preaching
Jesus, and then took to an auto-
mobile and went 90 miles back across
the strangest desert I have ever seen,
to the world's largest nitrate mines.
We went all through the project.
Three-fourths of the world's iodine
comes from there. I saw stacks of it in
solidified form. I thought the stuff
came in bottles. They let the boy have
a piece of about that length, and he
put it in his suitcase and it promptly
responded by liquifying and running
half-way through the suitcase.

There's mission work way back
there. Do you get this? Missionaries
have not sat down in seacoast towns
and made a comfortable nest for them-
selves. They've gone back, and back,
and back again, and again, taking
Jesus back in the inner country.

The next day we took an automobile
and went 100 miles further to a
large copper mine, where there was a
Spanish speaking mission and an Eng-
lish mission, and I had the privilege
of testifying for Christ at both of those
places, through an interpreter here,
and my own tongue, to the other people.

We flew back around to Arica and
up to LaPaz, Bolivia. Canadian Baptists
are doing a marvelous work in
LaPaz, Bolivia. Miss Dorothy Franklin
and others. Some from Winnipeg, Can-
ada, and other places, are doing a
marvelous work. They gave us a great
deal of time. I visited their churches.
The boy saw their church work.

We took an automobile and went
up to Lake Titicaca, around which
Canadian Baptists have twelve churches
for the Indians, and a school for
boys and girls was holding session in
a church. The boys and girls filled
that church house, and they stopped
the school work, and we had the privilege
of talking to them about Jesus
for a little while.

Lake Titicaca really reminds me
very much of the Sea of Galilee. Beau-
tiful, blue, rich azure blue above the
lake; mountainous background, where
Jesus stilled the storm and taught the
multitudes.

You know, I was warned not to go
to LaPaz. Met a Presbyterian friend
who married the daughter of an Ark-
ansas Baptist preacher. He said, "Don't
go up there. You don't have to go, do
you?" I said, "No." He said, "Well don't
go." I said, "Why?" He said, "Well,
you will feel badly. You won't enjoy

it. You just ought not to go." I said,
"How does it make you feel?" "Well,"
he said, "first you have a headache,
then you are nauseated, then you'll
topple over." And I said, "Topple over,
what do you mean?" He said, "Dead."
Well, that was encouraging. Dr. Hart, a
missionary so many years down there,
said, "I just wouldn't go up there. Too
many people die up there from heart
failure." Well, our tickets led that way,
and so we went. We were not nau-
seated. I did have a little headache
about the third day. The boy had a
little palpitation of the heart. We went
to a Methodist clinic and they gave
him a heart stimulant. I've never un-
derstood why they give you a stimu-
lant when the thing is already running
away, but they do in that work, and
that's what you want. But I tell you
what, we didn't sleep any the first
night. You know you just have to
pump away in your breathing to get
enough oxygen and when you go to
sleep you relax in your breathing. If
you don't believe it stay awake and
watch yourself sometime. And we'd
drop off to sleep, and every time we
would wake up gasping for breath.

It's 12,400 feet up to the city, and
then the airport is 1,500 feet higher.
That's about 14,000 feet. You can't walk
up hill if you are not used to it. You
can walk down hill, and if you are
not oriented or acclimated, you can't
work. Wouldn't you like to live there?

Then we flew around to Guaya-
quil, Ecuador. On for a stop at Cali,
Colombia, with the Mosses, where we
had the privilege of preaching that
night. Then on to beautiful Bogota,
capital of Colombia, in the mountains.
Then we arrived in Barranquilla, Co-
lombia. Dr. Schweinsberg, a converted
Catholic priest is a dynamic mission-
ary - four self-supporting churches,
maybe five. Now as we were visiting
around, Dr. Schweinsberg said, "I
have a laymen I want you to meet, one
in particular. He's a consecrated man,
attends all the services and a soul win-
ner and a tither." Well, I met him
Wednesday night at prayer meeting,
one of the first men I saw in the serv-
ice was this man, good to look at,
threw back his head, opened his mouth,
singing about Jesus. Loyal, faithful,
consecrated, Christian layman!

Then, up the Panama Canal. I've
seen the Grand Canal and Suez Canal.
I wanted to see the master of them all.
I saw it. By-the-way, you boys and
girls who are here, did you know this
about the Panama Canal? That the
eastern end is further west than the
western end and the western end is
further east than the eastern end, and
the sun rises on the western end and
sets on the eastern end of the Panama
Canal? You got what I said, didn't
you? That's a geographical fact. Is
that right? Well, you look it up and
see. That's right. I saw missionaries,
pastors, deacons, Christians, and then
on up to Guatemala City, and then
back to these United States, and all
over these United States.

Now with geography and this and
that and the other we tried to have
a recurrent theme. Do you get this?
That wherever we went, we found
Christians, we found believers in Christ.
We found established churches, some
weak, some very strong. Some as
strong as you'll find in any church in
our North America. That's right. And
then the medium sized church and the
weak church, some worldly Christians,
some indifferent Christians, but also,
some of the most spiritual, some of
the most powerful in Christ you will
find anywhere.

I am happy to bring you that sort
of testimony to encourage you, to
strengthen you, to challenge you, to
let you know that all the money is not
misspent, and all of it doesn't go on
overhead, and a lot of it does not go on
a thousand ways. That money is sup-
porting missionaries and mission work,
and teachers, and doctors, and hospitals,
and Christian schools, and native
workers, who fan out yonder into the
interior with the story of Jesus.

Now, I'm not preaching perfection.
Improvements may be made. Any of us
who mean business for Christ, will always,
in the local church, in our own
lives, in denominational work - we'll be
striving for improvement. Certainly so.

Jesus in the 15th chapter of Matthew
says about seed: Some of it is going
to fall on stony ground, fowls are going
to pick up some of it, the sun is going
to cause some of it to wither, and
that's just exactly what a lot of these
things in Christ are doing.

BAPTIST STUDENT UNION

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Three have volunteered and \$50 has been received in this office for Student Summer Missions. M2S equals SSM—"Many, many sacrifices equals student summer missions." Give after it starts hurting, over and above your regular giving. . . . Charles Wellborn's subject on next Sunday's Southwide Baptist Hour is "This Man Jesus." Listen . . . More and more pastors are asking for Youth Revival teams and more and more students are volunteering for this work. Pray that the Lord will use these revivals to bring many to a saving knowledge of Him. Pastors and students may write us about them anytime. . . . Fifty-one unsaved are reported at Pearl River Jr., 67 at East Central Jr., 48 at Jones Jr., one at Blue Mtn., and 14 at Southwest Jr. . . . MSCW BSUers recently made and distributed 350 tray cards to hospitals and sent a box of useful articles to a missionary in Africa. . . . "We are overjoyed that you have accepted our invitation for the State Retreat for BSU Officers," writes Norma Jean John, Student Sec'y. for Jones Jr. . . . Student Secretaries, if you haven't already registered for the R. E. A. in Meridian Feb. 1, come on and attend anyway. We'll get you taken care of. Readers, please pray for this important meeting. . . . The word from Miss. State, via Augie Salter, is that their Sunday School and Training Union work among the students living in Trailers is growing fast. More

than half of these families are Baptists, he reports. . . . Students volunteering for Home Mission Board work must write Dr. Courts Redford, 161 Spring St., N. W., Atlanta, Ga., before Feb. 1, which means immediately. . . . Dora Etta Solomon reports from Pearl River Jr. that Improve Church recently gave the P. R. C. BSU some money for BSU hymnals. Nice. . . . Norma Jean John of Jones Jr., has promoted Student Summer Missions in a great way with recent appearances, with her Hawaiian slides, at Ole Miss and other places. Soon she's to appear at MSCW, Delta State, and still others. . . . Mrs. Robert Lewis, nee Margaret McClellan, former Student Sec'y. at MSCW, recently taught Vital Problems in Christian Living for the girls there and, according to Gwen Boyett, her successor, she "did a grand job." . . . Cera Joyce Davis (Mrs. Ralph Davis), of Woman's College, who dedicated her vocation to Christ at our Convention last Oct., is to leave with her husband for Nigeria soon as a missionary. How we thank God for this . . . Be praying for more evangelism in your own heart and on your own campus as we approach Student Evangelistic Emphasis Week. . . . "God, give us men," should be the burden of many of our prayers as we talk to the Lord about ways of making the Student Work more worthwhile and effective. We need more college men enlisted.

A Statement for the Press

First Baptist Church, Greenville, Mississippi, is not in politics although a local Sunday School Class of the Presbyterian Church would endeavor to drag us into it by mis-applying a general statement of the pastor and leaving out part of it. Here is the statement made: "You cannot legislate righteousness and only the Gospel changes men's hearts and habits." I have nine ex-drunkards, one who was a bootlegger, in my church, and only the Gospel changed them. I am personally "dry," and will stay that way by choice and practice. The term "you cannot legislate righteousness" applies just as much to Mrs. Price's proposed bill, as it does to the Black Market tax, which I don't agree with either. That is my personal position, but my church is not in politics. Its members, however, are teetotalers if they follow the pastor's example.

ERNEST D. ELLIOTT,
Pastor
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CROP Program To End Feb. 1

JACKSON, Jan. 21—Contributions of cash to the Christian Rural Overseas Program (CROP) through city and rural churches, supplementing car loads of food given by state farmers, will be used to boost the total number of symbolic cars in Mississippi's Friendship Food Train to be dedicated at the Port of New Orleans January 30, according to W. E. Holcomb, state CROP director.

Mississippi's CROP campaign, concluding with January, is part of a nation-wide program which ends with appropriate dedication of approximately fifteen hundred carloads of Friendship Food for the desperately hungry in 22 countries. The number of cars in this state's symbolic train will be determined by cash contributions made before January 30, it was pointed out.



HILDA MAXWELL

Shown above is Miss Hilda Maxwell from Daniel Memorial Church, Jackson, who won a score of perfect in the Junior Memory Work contest at the State Training Union Convention in December. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Maxwell of Jackson.

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H. B. WILKINSON BEGINS NEW SIGHT PASTORATE

Rev. Herman B. Wilkinson began his work as pastor of New Sight Church in Lincoln County on January 1. He came to New Sight from Walker, Louisiana, where he had served as pastor of the Walker Church, and before that was pastor of the New Hope Church, Bogalusa.

Mr. Wilkinson, a native of McComb, is a graduate of Mississippi College and received his Th.B. degree from the New Orleans Seminary.

Mr. and Mrs. Wilkinson and their three children are now living in the New Sight pastorate. The church has 279 members and is housed in a brick structure.

REVIVAL FIRES IN HOME MISSIONS

By JOHN CAYLOR

From every quarter home mission reports are showing the fruits of kindling revival fires. The influence of Dr. C. E. Matthews and a strong corps of evangelists associated with him in the various states is being felt both in local church interest and on the mission field as revival fires are glowing more brightly than ever before.

THE 1950 CRUSADE

Practically all of the preachers among the 744 home missionaries including staff members from the headquarters are engaged for crusade revivals April 9-23. Brethren Dowis, Carter and Brown are scheduled for campaigns in California; Caylor and Martin in Louisiana; Redford and Halbeck in Missouri; Carpenter and Van Royen in Arkansas; and other members of the Atlanta headquarters staff in various places.

The evangelistic staff will be directing crusades.

Porter Routh's estimated report on baptism for 1949 with figures ranging above 326,000 is most encouraging. We expect 1950 baptisms to be a record also.

HOME MISSIONARIES IN THE BAHAMAS

Rev. Guy Bellamy, secretary of Negro work for the Home Mission Board, led a party of evangelists and missionaries into the Bahama Islands for a week of revival. In February of last year Rev. Ernest Simmons of Nassau was in St. Augustine, Florida, when Secretary Bellamy called on a Negro leader in that city concerning the program in Florida. Brother Bellamy discovered that Brother Simmons was looking for help from the Southern Baptist Convention and was inquiring of his friend what direction to take. This providential meeting led to the invitations which took to the Bahama Islands besides Secretary Bellamy, Dr. J. B. Rounds, superintendent of Indian work for the Home Mission Board, Dr. Albert Kondy of Pawhuska, Oklahoma, and E. L. Smith, Harold Lassiter, Leland Hall, and Thurmond Jordan of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma. The eight-day visit of the Oklahoma brethren resulted in a genuine revival.

On the day the party arrived in Nassau, January 7, a service was conducted in the capital city and some 15 conversions resulted. In the concluding service one week later on January 15 Dr. Kondy spoke to around 4,000 people in which service 100 or more came forward confessing Christ. There was a total of 500 confessions of faith during the eight days of the American's visit. Their ministry was to the Negroes, numbering 85,000 in the Islands. Whites are estimated at 6,000 in the area.

The Oklahoma party was received by Governor D. L. Evans, successor to the Duke of Winsor, and was extended every courtesy. Oklahomans sent 4,500 pounds of clothing to be distributed among the natives in the Bahamas.

It was found that there were 300 Negro Baptist churches with 29,000 members, and the churches are af-

filiated with National Conventions in the States. Baptist leaders representing the five factions among the churches were successfully united under the leadership of Missionary Bellamy and jointly requested that the secretary seek help for them from the Southern Baptist Convention in providing leadership to unite their forces in a definite program of evangelism, enlistment, and training.

Upon receiving the report from the party Dr. Lawrence expressed the hope that the Annie W. Armstrong offering, February 27 to March 3, might provide additional funds so this specific need could be met.

REVIVAL IN HAVANA

Rev. C. Y. Dossey, of the department of evangelism of the Home Mission Board, and A Lopez Munoz, secretary of evangelism for Cuba, worked together in directing a simultaneous campaign in the 14 Baptist churches and missions in the Havana Province of Cuba in December. There were 1,060 professions of faith. The 69 baptisms reported for the crusade represent the number approved and ready for the ordinance. Others will be baptized later after sufficient instructions and developments according to the Cuban policy among Baptist churches.

Secretary Herbert Caudill of home mission work in Cuba reports that it is the greatest evangelistic response known in the history of the work in Cuba.

KINDLING FOR REVIVAL FIRES

Dr. Lawrence has received word from Revell Publishing Company that the publishers are leasing March 1 a new volume of his sermons. There are choice radio messages picked out of the Good News Hour messages which have been going out for a number of years over more than 50 stations scattered throughout Southern Baptist Convention territory. This will be Dr. Lawrence's twentieth book released by various publishers.

HELP THOSE WOMEN

The Annie W. Armstrong offering for home missions is a part of the Cooperative Program, recommended by the Executive Committee and approved by the Southern Baptist Convention. One-third of the operating budget is dependent upon that one week of offerings. Leaders in all the churches are encouraged to help the women prepare for that week of special offerings for home missions. If the goal of \$800,000.00 is reached home mission work will be greatly benefited. If the offering does not reach expectations no advancement can be made.

SOUTHERN BAPTIST HOME MISSIONS

While Woman's Missionary Union is promoting subscriptions to Southern Baptist Home Missions it will be a good time for pastors and other leaders to join in the encouragement of all church members to subscribe to the home mission magazine. Churches may order copies of the magazine sent in bundles to the church at three cents each per month for any number, mailed to and paid for by the church.

LET EVERY CHRISTIAN AND EVERY MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH SEND IN THIS MONTH OF JANUARY AN OFFERING THROUGH THE COOPERATIVE PROGRAM FOR ALL THE WORK OF CHRIST! START THE YEAR RIGHT AS A COMMISSIONED CHRISTIAN!

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Associates: W. C. Morgan, Louise Hill, Aleene Johnson

Plantersville Observes Family Night

It was before Christmas, yes, several weeks before Christmas the pastor, Bro. J. D. Thompson of Plantersville, conceived the idea of having the entire church come together for a big family night program. They came and what a good time they had. Good committees had been appointed, a supper committee, a feature committee, a music committee, and a committee to take care of the younger children for part of the evening's program. Tables were set, the people brought "covered dishes" and these dishes had plenty in them! So a wonderful meal was enjoyed. The meal afforded much pleasure, in addition to the eating, un hurried conversation took place. The music began then and all came into the auditorium, being divided into groups by birthdays. The different groups sang, impromptu quartets, solos, a men's double quartet, and songs by the children made this feature most interesting. Then came the Christmas story "When the Chimes Rang." The scripture account of the birth of Christ was read, a short feature of Bible quiz added to the interest and the meeting was closed with all singing "Blest Be the Tie That Binds." We feel that such a meeting in every church would be most profitable. It can be had any time of the year and could be built around the season of the year if desired.

Ten Vital Themes for Study Courses for All Church Members is a new leaflet you should get and read. It is by Mr. Leonard E. Wedel, Associational leader for the south. Either write our office or The Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, and ask for as many as you desire. Associational Directors will want one or two for every church in his association, one each for the pastor and director.

Back to March!

For many years March has been designated as Training Union Study Course Month. Last year it was shifted to April in an effort to cooperate in general plans. This did not work out for the best and so now we are "Back to March." March is set up as Spring Study Course Month. Why not fall in line and lead your union to conduct an "All Church Membership Study Course" in March. Then of course you will want to have at least one other during the year, either this summer or next fall. We will be glad to send you a study course leaflet that lists the study course books on which credit is given.

Bethlehem in Jones

We are happy to have a report on the Bethlehem church in Jones Co. This was sent in by Mrs. D. C. Jenkins and we pass it on to you with our congratulations to them for the fine work they are doing. "Rain, bad roads, and a sudden change to cold weather failed to prevent a record attendance in the training school at the Bethlehem church. Seventy-eight were enrolled and 75 took the examination. The Training Union enrollment is 175 with an average attendance of 110. An Officers Clinic preceded the school. Visiting speak-

ers were Miss Martin and Rev. C. J. Rushing. An all girls' ensemble by the Indian Springs church furnished special music. . . . Our Doctrines, A Growing Christian, and Living for Jesus were the books taught by Rev. C. J. Rushing, Mr. Homer Fleming, and Mrs. Roy Weathersby. Mr. Homer Fleming is director and Rev. D. C. Jenkins pastor."

The Program For 1950 Begins

Our first full week for the year was with our staff helping in a Leadership School in Columbus Association. The meetings were all in First Church of Columbus. Eight churches were represented in the work and it was concluded that it was a good week and served as a good start for what we hope will be a year received by the Lord. Friday night of the week was used for our "D" Day program, the first for the year. It was well attended and set a good pace for those to follow. Since this was written, Saturday, Jan. 14, thirteen of these "D" Day programs have been held. We will report on them from time to time. Wherever you are, we hope to be in your association this year again!

Convention Notes
On Hymn Players

Below is a continued list of hymn players with ratings who participated in the recent State Hymn Playing Festival.

JUNIOR HYMN PLAYERS: Peggy Ann Thornton, Leesburg, Forest, Superior; Bessie Carolyn Cooper, Quitman, Excellent; Willie Jean Murphy, Spring Creek, Philadelphia, Good; Elizabeth Amacker, Scooba, Excellent; Betsey Roebuck, First, Aberdeen, Excellent; Nancy Garner, Osborne Creek, Booneville, Good; Francis Waits, Yellow Leaf, Oxford, Good; Glenda Jo Smith, Friendship, McComb, Good; Gretchen Coedell, Northside, Jackson, Excellent; Mildred Revett, Beacon, Laurel, Excellent; Elaine Lewis, McAdams, Superior; Patsey L. Thornton, Mars Hill, Excellent; Glenda Lou Wilkinson, Calvary, McComb, Excellent; Jimmie Nell Wedgeworth, Ellisville, Excellent; Dorothy Mitchell, Bethany, Merigold, Excellent; Gaye Oakley, Wheeler, Excellent; Diana Gibbs, West Corinth, Excellent; Celeste Ferguson, Winona, Superior; Elizabeth Sanderse, Darling, Good; Jim Tom Allen, Bunker Hill, Good; Lucy Ewing, Jackson First, Excellent; Marcia Thigpen, Rocky Creek, Excellent; Grace Young, Bruce, Excellent.

The above list of juniors represents a movement among the juniors that will, in the course of time fill a very great need in our church life of more fine pianists and consecrated young musicians. It is the desire of the State Music Section of Training to express to each of the above young people deep appreciation for this fine participation. The above ratings were given by a group of three competent judges who gave their time and excellent services in judging the hymn playing. Ensuing articles of this column will give the Intermediate hymn playing with ratings and suggestions for the 1950 competition.

ANDERSON LEAVES LONG BEACH: GOES TO FLORIDA



REV. E. R. ANDERSON

Rev. E. R. Anderson has resigned the pastorate of the First Church, Long Beach, to accept the call of the Warrington Church, Warrington, Florida, where he will begin his new work January 15.

During the two and one quarter years of his ministry at Long Beach the church has made great progress in all phases of Kingdom work. The total number of additions to the church has been 142, 65 by baptism.

Six revival meetings have been held at Long Beach, with Robert Witty, R. C. Camp, James Street, Glenn Crawford, Harold Jordan, and Mr. Anderson preaching.

Seven study courses have been taught and the Sunday School enrollment has reached 217.

Under Mr. Anderson's ministry, Fred Rothe has been ordained, Jack James licensed, and Woodson Lynn, Jr., called to full time ministry. Three deacons, Jack Mangum, H. Y. Quarles, and Fred Rothe have been ordained.

Moving with Mr. Anderson to the new field are his wife and three sons, Elwin, Pat, and Dick.

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RESOLUTIONS

We, the undersigned committee, duly appointed by the McCool Baptist Church of McCool, Mississippi, to draft resolutions of esteem and appreciation for the life and works of the Reverend Marlin Miller while pastor of our church for the last three years.

Whereas: Brother Miller was always cheerful, untiring and persistent in all phases of church work as well as all other causes for the betterment and uplift of the community as a whole, and

Whereas: the church did grow and prosper under his administration, largely due to his leadership and faithfulness, and

Whereas: His cheerfulness endeared him to the entire community regardless of denomination. Therefore be it

Resolved: That we commend Brother Miller and his wife to the membership of the church at Madill, Oklahoma, as being dependable, entirely consecrated, capable and devout. Be it further

Resolved: That a copy of these resolutions be spread on the minutes of the McCool Baptist church. A copy be sent to The Baptist Record at Jackson, Mississippi, and a copy sent to Brother Miller.

Committee,
E. L. VANLANDINGHAM
MRS. M. P. DOTY
MRS. MAC GALLASPY

—BR—

DR. AND MRS. WILLIAM PROUT are welcoming William (Bill) Ennis Prout, Jr., who arrived in their home on Friday, January 13. Dr. Prout is the pastor of the First Church Shelby.

Answers To Crossword Puzzle

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50, 40 & 25 Years Ago

By J. L. BOYD, SR.
50 YEARS AGO

Two young and energetic pastors, W. F. Yarborough and W. P. Price, have been prevailed on to conduct the Sunday School Department and B. Y. P. U. Department, respectively, of the Baptist Record, for the year 1900.

40 YEARS AGO

The Durant Church presented her pastor, Rev. T. L. Holcomb, a gold watch as a Christmas gift which made his holidays "doubly pleasant."

The principal of the school at Osseyville, Dot M. Nelson, gives a glowing report of the visit of Prof. J. L. Johnson of Mississippi College who spoke at the local church in the interest of the Laymen's Missionary Movement; and before the boys and girls at the school on Monday.

Rev. D. W. McLeod will pastor East Fork, Amite County, half time, New Zion and Gillsburg one-fourth each, and Glading one evening sermon once a month during the coming year.

The Hazlehurst Church closed the year with all obligations met, having expended "about \$5,000" for all purposes, including \$1,491 to missions.

The Second Church, Laurel, closed a meeting in which Pastor J. R. Jones was assisted by Rev. H. R. Holcomb of First Church.

25 YEARS AGO

Dr. R. B. Gunter speaks favorably of a great number of churches becoming self-supporting. Continuing he notes: "Both the Clinton Church and Immanuel Church, two of our leading College Churches, have become self-supporting of their own accord."

Rev. L. E. Lightsey reports having "put the Baptist Record for twelve months into forty-seven homes" of the Bay Springs Baptist Church in less than two days, assisted by Pastor H. C. Clark.

Rev. A. L. O'Briant, Fifth District Worker, reports "20 conversions, 10 for baptisms, and five by letter" during Christmas week in a meeting with the Ocean Springs Church.

Dr. J. L. Slaughter, Mississippian, (Calvary Church, Jackson) a graduate of the Mississippi A. & M. College, and Th.M. and Th.D. graduate of the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, accepts the pastorate of the Leigh Street Church, Richmond, Va., which has a membership of 1500.

The Moss Point Church "had Santa Claus drive the pastor's old car out and replace it with a new one." And "the brethren gave the pastor a new overcoat, and the ladies gave him a nice, large leather hand bag." Pastor J. F. Brock says "It is suggestive of traveling, but this pastor will be slow to leave such good treatment."

Rev. "Billy" Sunday and party were guests at Clinton on a recent date when he spoke to "nearly one thousand students and citizens in the church."

Sparks & Splinters

AMONG RECENT VISITORS IN THE office of the Baptist Record were: Versie C. Smith, Brookhaven; Rev. Wm. W. Miller, Bonita; Rev. N. J. Lee, Wiggins; Rev. Jesse B. Watkins, Lyman; Rev. O. B. Anderson, Long Beach; Fred W. Franks, Long Beach; Rev. Edward C. Farr, Marion; Rev. Freddie Brister, Terry; Mrs. Geo. D. Purvis, Georgetown; A. B. Neal, Mendenhall; Rev. Pete Evans, Bentonia; Mr. A. Benjamin Kelly, Bentonia; Rev. E. L. Howell, Foxworth.

REV. R. B. PATTERSON HAS RESIGNED as associational missionary of Pontotoc County to accept a similar position in Alcorn County. Rev. H. H. Ward of Ecru is chairman of the committee to secure another associational missionary.

TWELVE NEW STUDENTS WHO ENROLLED in Southern Seminary at the beginning of the second term brings the total enrollment for the year to 835, for the Seminary proper. The new-comers are: Perry N. Brookshire, Marion, Ky.; F. Ross Figart, Jr., Lexington, Ky.; A. M. Herrington, Camden, Ark.; Roy Lee Honeycutt, Jr., Grenada, Miss.; William Preston Howell, Birmingham, Ala.; Carl Loy, Campbellsville, Ky.; Elmer Palmer, Elizabethtown, Ky.; Benjamin Taylor Peavy, Fitzgerald, Ga.; Samuel Franklin Putnam, Laurens, S. C.; Wayne Edwin Scott, Cameron, Okla.; Maxwell B. Spencer, Sydney, Nova Scotia, Canada; and Thomas Welding Ward, Suffolk, Va.

THE BAPTIST RECORD APPRECIATES a nice list of new and renewal subscriptions from Tillitobia Church. The list was sent by G. T. Lyon. Tillitobia has been a good friend of the Baptist Record for many years.

ANTIOCH CHURCH IN ATTALA County, under the leadership of Rev. Paul Lee, is now promoting full-time service. Growth has also been evident in the organizations of the church and a Saturday night prayer service has been organized. Pastor Lee is a student at Mississippi College, Clinton.

REV. W. C. RKESTRAW OF BLUE Springs will be the guest speaker at Youth Night at the Courtland Church, Panola Association, on January 28. The service will begin at 7 a. m. and is planned and held monthly by the young people. Rev. L. D. Baird is the Courtland pastor.

RESOLUTIONS SIGNED BY PREACHERS of Simpson County have been adopted pledging "moral support to our enforcement officers" and urging all law abiding citizens of the county to do the same. The resolutions were signed by: Jimmie Yarbrough; Chas. C. Jones; W. T. Miller; B. W. Bridges; V. W. Malley; B. H. Benton; W. J. Hemby; P. D. Lott, Jr.; C. M. Grayson; P. C. Bounds; J. F. Parker; Z. B. McAlpin; J. B. Smith; E. W. Reid; Robert F. Nay.

THE BAPTIST RECORD IS GRATEFUL for a copy of the minutes of the 29th Session of the Pike County Baptist Association which met with the Terry's Creek Church on October 20-21. The clerk, Rev. J. A. Terrell, did an excellent job of preparing the minutes and the printers seem to have done equally as well in printing them. The next meeting of the association will be held with the Calvary Church, Pricedale, on Thursday night and Friday after the third Sunday in October 1950.



CLYDE E. WILLIAMS

Shown above is Clyde E. Williams, who was recently licensed as minister by the Mt. Morgan Church in Hinds County, Rev. Fred Brister, pastor. Mr. Williams is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Williams of Terry, and is a student at Clarke College.

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DR. WALTER MAIER

The passing of Dr. Walter Maier, widely-known Lutheran preacher and conductor of the Lutheran Radio Hour removes from the religious scene of America one of our most dynamic preachers. Men of his ability and conviction are too few today and Baptists, along with people of all denominations, will mourn his death. In between the lines of the press dispatch telling of his death, one could read that his tireless devotion to the cause of Christ, no doubt resulting in overwork, hastened his death at the age of 56 after four heart attacks in two weeks.

DR. CECIL JONES, PROFESSOR OF Bible at Mississippi Woman's College, spoke to the faculty and student body of Clarke Memorial College recently on Christian Education. According to Dr. Jones, sixteen of the eighteen Presidents attended Christian schools, and seventy per cent of the people in Who's Who attended Christian schools.

THE LEBANON ASSOCIATION PASTORS Conference will meet at Main Street Church, Hattiesburg, Feb. 6 at 10 a. m. Lunch will be served by the Church. Rev. J. W. Wood is the president.—Rev. C. E. James, Program Chairman.

REV. N. A. GREER OF MEADVILLE has accepted the pastorate of Providence Church in Lawrence County. Having been without a pastor since July, the anxiety of the members was shown in the attendance in Sunday School on January 15. There were 125 present.—Mrs. Woodie Rutland, reporter.

ALL BAPTIST CHURCHES OF MEMPHIS and Shelby County will unite in a simultaneous evangelistic crusade under the direction of Dr. C. E. Matthews March 12 to 26. Dr. Slater Murphy, pastor of Highland Heights Church, is the local chairman. He has set up his organization composed of 10 committees.

MISS HELEN EUBANKS HAS RESIGNED as Educational Director of the First Church, Kosciusko. Miss Eubanks has served in that position for more than four years and was the first full time employee of the church besides the pastor. Miss Eubanks has served faithfully and well and has made for herself many friends in the church and community and she will be missed in this work.

LET EVERY CHRISTIAN AND EVERY MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH SEND IN THIS MONTH OF JANUARY AN OFFERING THROUGH THE COOPERATIVE PROGRAM FOR ALL THE WORK OF CHRIST! START THE YEAR RIGHT AS A COMMISSIONED CHRISTIAN!

SUNDAY SCHOOL DEPARTMENT

E. C. WILLIAMS, Secretary
MISS CAROLYN MADISON, Elementary Secretary
MRS. CECIL H. SMITH, Office Secretary



MRS. W. O. BENSON

Mrs. W. O. Benson, Baptist Sunday School Board, Nashville, Tenn., will direct the Intermediate conferences at our Sunday School Convention in the First Baptist Church of Greenwood, March 14-15.

This means that all Intermediate workers who attend those conferences will certainly have one of our best leaders to help them. Many officers and teachers should take advantage of this opportunity.

Be sure and remember the date of our Mississippi Sunday School Convention: March 14-15, 1950.

EXTENSION FILM STRIP READY

"Ye Visited Me," a colored film strip telling the story of Extension department work, will be available February 15, at your Baptist Book Store.

The film strip consists of 30 colored pictures which are designed to inspire and instruct the church membership, as well as the Extension workers, about the ministry of the department.

A printed narration accompanies the film strip. The price is \$5.75. The supply is limited. Order yours today.

NEW YOUNG PEOPLE'S DEPARTMENT SUPERINTENDENT

Gainer E. Bryan, Jr., of Atlanta, Georgia, has been elected Superintendent of Young People's Work, Sunday School Department, Baptist Sunday School Board, and assumed his duties January 1, 1950.

Mr. Bryan is a graduate of Mercer University, Macon, Georgia, and has studied at Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia, and the Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Louisville, Kentucky.

Mr. Bryan succeeds Mr. Philip B. Harris, now a member of the teaching staff in the School of Religious Education, Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas.

To become acquainted with Southern Baptists generally, and Young People's workers in the states and associations in particular, Mr. Bryan will make a survey of Sunday school work with young people in several of the states during the first few months of his service.

We take great pleasure in the coming of Mr. Bryan into the fellowship and work of the Sunday School Department. His background, his Christian personality, and his ability will make him an effective servant of Christ in our midst. We predict for Mr. Bryan the immediate confidence and appreciation of Southern Baptists.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Now is the time—to plan for your Vacation Bible school. So much is done with the Vacation Bible school program that all churches in our state should have one this year. Over 700 churches did not have a school this past year.

Now is the time:

1. To elect the Vacation Bible school superintendent in your church.
2. Select as many of the workers as possible and let them study the VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL GUIDE, Grice, in a class or individually.
3. Order textbooks—all are Series A this year.
4. As soon as superintendents of the departments are selected, let them begin to collect materials for notebooks, handwork, etc.
5. If needed, write the Sunday School Department, Box 530, Jackson, Miss., for free literature on the Vacation Bible school.

It would be good if many of our churches would plan to hold a Mission Vacation Bible school for some small church or in some needy place in the community.

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SIMPSON COUNTY PASTORS ORGANIZE CONFERENCE

On January 9, eleven Simpson County pastors met at Mendenhall Church and proceeded to organize the Simpson County Pastors' Conference, with Rev. J. F. Parker in charge. Officers were elected as follows: President, Rev. J. F. Parker; Sec-Treasurer, Rev. R. C. Bounds; and Program Chairman, Rev. Jimmie Yarbrough.

Rev. C. C. Jones presented resolutions of moral support pledged to law enforcement officers, which were signed by all the pastors present. These resolutions were to be passed on by all the churches of the county and to be published in all the local papers and the Baptist Record.

The conference voted to meet monthly on the fourth Monday evening at 7:30 at the Mendenhall Church, beginning in January.

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Chambers Begins Fourth Year At Bowmar Avenue Church

January is a month of anniversaries for Pastor and Mrs. O. L. Chambers of Bowmar Avenue Church, Vicksburg.

January 24 is their 25th wedding anniversary and January 15 was the third anniversary of Pastor Chambers' connection with Bowmar Avenue Church. Mr. Chambers came as minister of Education and Music but on September 29, 1948, he was ordained to the full gospel ministry with Bowmar Avenue Church as his first pastorate.

During these years the church has built an annex that takes care of four departments, beginners, primaries, intermediates and young people.

The building fund now contains \$9,000 and a new auditorium is to be erected sometime in the future.

During these years there have been 294 additions to the church, the Sunday school has increased from 278 to 460, the pastorum redecorated and the nursery department enlarged and furnished.

A STATEMENT OF FACTS

The First Baptist Church, Greenville, Miss., under the leadership of our fearless and beloved pastor, Dr. E. D. Elliott, declares to all the world that it takes the traditional position of Baptists on all issues which affect our community, state, and nation, so that we may never be misquoted again on any moral issue. Our pastor, Dr. Elliott, declares regularly in his fruitful pulpit the great principle of the Scriptures that **RIGHTEOUSNESS CANNOT BE LEGISLATED, THAT HEART-FELT RELIGION INCLUDES THE 'NEW BIRTH' WHICH CHANGES THE HEART AND HABITS OF WORLDLY MEN, WHO THEN SEEK TO FIND GOD'S WILL ON ALL MORAL MATTERS AFFECTING THEIR LIVES. A MAN'S BODY THEN BECOMES THE 'TEMPLE OF THE HOLY GHOST' AND HE LIVES WORTHILY BEFORE GOD AND MAN.**

Our pastor, Dr. Elliott, like all true undershepherds is honored of God by a successful ministry. He is personally "dry" in sentiment and practice.

We, as representative men of this church, with a membership of 2,150 Baptists on our roll do not consider our church to be in politics. We follow our Pastor's leadership as he follows the Holy Spirit. His position on a recent controversial legislative issue was grossly drawn and misquoted. We take the traditional view of our people (which was emphasized during the days of Roger Williams) in the separation of church and state with regard to politics, but do urge our people of like faith here and elsewhere to stand by their Pastors on great moral issues, when they are attacked and brought into the lime-light without any desire on their part.

CLARENCE L. MORRIS

Chairman of Board of Deacons

JOHN D. CAUSEY

Superintendent of Sunday School

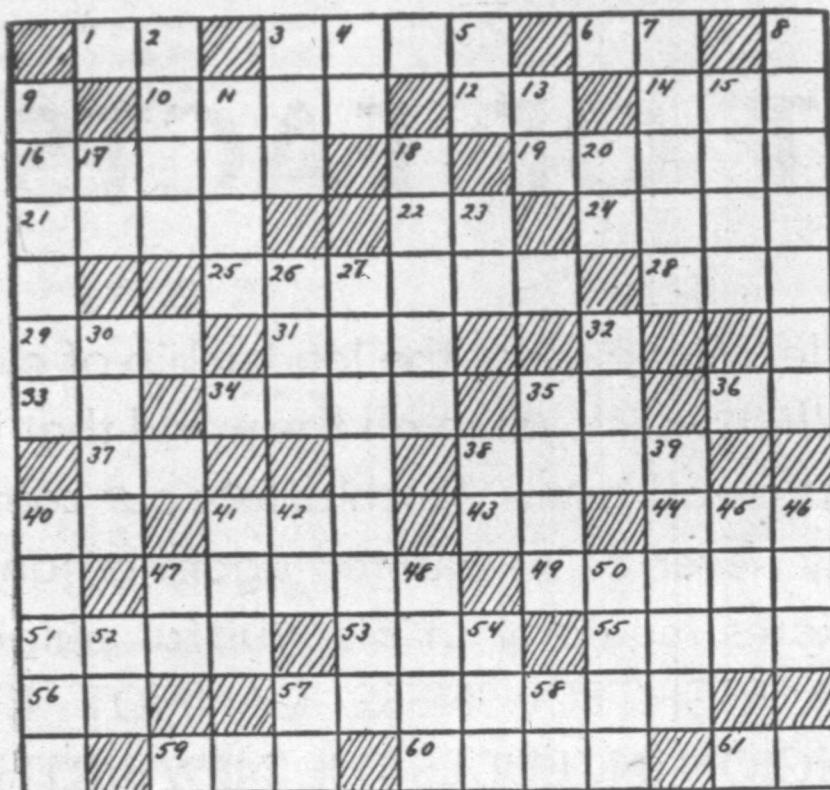
JOE DUCKETT

President of the Brotherhood

FREEMAN WARD

B. T. U. Director

OUR CROSSWORD PUZZLE



"Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and hath had compassion on thee."—Mark 5:19.

A LEGION OF DEMONS CAST OUT

Horizontal

- 1 "... doctrine is not mine, but his that sent me" John 7:16
 3 See 6 across
 6 and 3 "What ... thy ..." Mark 5:9
 10 "when he saw Jesus ... off" Mark 5:6
 12 Nickel
 14 Golf mound
 16 Steel helmet
 19 "Now ... was ... nigh unto the mountains" Mark 5:11
 21 Genuine
 22 Grief
 24 "that he would not ... them away out of the country" Mark 5:10
 25 "And he said, ... : because many devils" Luke 8:30
 28 Greek letter
 29 Another Greek letter
 31 "he ... and worshipped him" Mark 5:6
 33 Southern state
 34 "pass over unto the other ..." Mark 4:35
 35 Iron
 36 King of Bashan Josh. 13:12
 37 "that thou torment ... not" Mark 5:7
 38 Dross of a metal
 40 Topographical Engineer
 41 "... he said unto him, Come out of the man" Mark 5:8
 43 "that ... may enter into them" Mark 5:12
 44 Wine vessel of early Christian church
 47 One of the disciples Matt. 4:18
 49 Ladies
 51 "and in his right ..." Mark 5:15
 53 Greek form of Noah
 55 "Had been often bound ... fettters and chains" Mark 5:4
 56 "But so shall it not ... among you" Mark 10:43
 57 Blown by the wind
 59 "Ye ... the salt of the earth" Matt. 5:13
 60 "an herd of ... swine" Luke 8:32
 61 "And he said unto them, ..." Matt. 8:32
 A saying of the demoniac is 1, 3, 6, 25, 41, 43, 50, and 60 combined

Vertical

- 2 The god of departed spirits (Hindu myth.)
 3 Man's nickname
 4 Capital of Moab Num. 21:28
 5 Half an em
 7 "down a ... place into the sea" Mark 5:13
 8 "a great herd of swine ..." Mark 5:11

SOUTHWESTERN STUDENTS SERVE ON MANY FIELDS



Seminary student Bill Crews prepares to go to his church in Oklahoma.

Every Friday afternoon over 500 young men leave Southwestern Seminary, Fort Worth, Texas, and travel anywhere from 30 to 300 miles to spend the weekend on their church fields.

Going by automobile, bus, train, and thumb, these preachers, educational directors, and music directors reach their churches about sundown Friday. From then on their time is brimming full. Many of them plan church activity to begin as soon as they arrive. Friday night choir practices, visitations, and teachers' meetings are in order.

On Saturday morning final touches are put on the religious services for the following day. That afternoon is given over to visiting, planning, prayer, and sermon review.

Sunday climaxes the week with two or three worship services, Sunday school, Training Union, deacon's meeting and perhaps a funeral or a wedding.

On Monday plans are laid out for the next week. Someone is secured to be in charge of the Wednesday night prayer service. The Friday night lesson or program is studied out. And perhaps, if time permits, the weekend religious worker may have a chance to study a bit for that big Seminary exam to be given at 8 o'clock Tuesday morning.

To pastor a church on the weekend means cramming seven days work into three days. Being a half time student means the same thing. But with the help of God each man does the work of two and enjoys it.

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FIRST CHURCH, NATCHEZ HAS BIBLE STUDY WEEK

First Church, Natchez, observed January Bible Study Week the first week of the New Year, with Pastor W. A. Sullivan leading the congregation in a verse by verse study of the book of Acts—Juniors and Intermediates joined Young People and Adults in an hour of pupil-teacher discussion group. Dr. Sullivan will continue the teaching of the book at the Sunday Evening Service and Wednesday Evening Prayer Meeting Service.

For the past year Dr. Sullivan has taught the Bible at these two services. Bible study is becoming a favorite with these two groups and attendance continues to increase.

Brandon Celebrates First Anniversary In New Bldg., By Overflowing Attendance

The Brandon Sunday School celebrated the first anniversary of its new building on January 15 by overflowing some of its Sunday school rooms, and neither the pastor, the Rev. Montie Davise, nor the Sunday School Superintendent, G. A. Harrison, nor any member complained of a flood of such nature.

Brandon Baptists have determined to stress enlistment through the efforts of the Sunday school, and the 234 attendance mark looked like a good beginning.

Douglas McDonald was in charge of the opening devotional; he was assisted by Jerry Breazeale.

The Men's Class, normally numbering 40, had to borrow chairs from whom they could to seat the 53 present. This class is taught by Gycelle Tynes, J. I. Hasty, class president, called upon J. W. Davis to lead the special anniversary prayer for the men.

In November it was decided to divide the Homemakers' Class into three units. On anniversary day each of the new units equaled in enrollment the original class.

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HAROLD KELLY RESIGNS AT NEW SALEM, O'ZION

Accepts Atlanta Position

Rev. Harold Kelly, who has served as pastor of New Salem and O'Zion churches, Franklin County, has resigned in order to become manager of The City Mission of Atlanta, Georgia.

During Mr. Kelly's 18-month pastorate at New Salem there were 21 additions to the church. The pastor's salary was increased.

Two Sunday School rooms were added, a Training Union organized, and the church had its first Vacation Bible School.

During his pastorate at O'Zion there were 15 additions. A. W. M. S. was organized.

A new floor with runners and new pews were added to the auditorium. The pastorum is near completion.

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CALENDAR OF PRAYER

January 30—Bible Institute at Clarke College, Monday and Tuesday; Rev. Lee Chambers, Vicksburg, District I B.T.U. President.

January 31—Edgar Harris, Clarke County associational Brotherhood President; Dr. E. R. Pinson, Clarke College faculty.

February 1—B.S.U. Secretaries to meet in Meridian, Feb. 1-3; Mrs. Charles Dean, Jr., Jackson, State W.M.U. Trustee for Training School.

February 2—Mrs. Irma McAtee, Mississippi College faculty; Miss Margaret E. Cloud, Baptist Record Mailing Department.

February 3—T. L. Lewis, Greene County Sunday School Superintendent; Rev. J. B. Middleton, Bruce, Baptist Memorial Hospital trustee.

February 4—Miss Myrtle Cawood, Blue Mountain College faculty; W. Harold Cox, Jackson, Baptist Orphanage trustee.

February 5—Dr. George Townsend, Morton, Baptist Hospital trustee.

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RIP VAN WINKLE IS THE ONLY fellow who has been able to live for any considerable time without public relations—he slept for twenty years.—Erwin L. McDonald.

Sunday School Lesson

Prepared By BRACEY CAMPBELL

January 29

UNTO ALL MEN

Acts 8:4-11:8

I. HOW GOD SCATTERED THE GOSPEL FIRE

There was a fire in Jerusalem, all right. It had been kindled by the descent of the Holy Spirit of the Day of Pentecost. But it stayed its course in the city. The apostles were not going "into all Judea and Samaria, and to the uttermost parts of the earth. So the Lord allowed a persecution to be launched against them to scatter them over the land with the message of salvation.

Philip proclaimed the gospel in Samaria, leaving there at the command of the Lord to go down the highway and make contact with the treasurer of a foreign queen that the treasurer might be won to Christ and become God's missionary to the people of what is now Abyssinia. On the highway from Jerusalem up, somewhere near the city of Damascus, the Lord arrested Paul and in winning him performed the greatest single event which has occurred in history since the Lord went back to glory.

Here in these verses God is working through the witnesses whom He has chosen to bear His name to strangers. These witnesses are not always in the beginning willing witnesses, but they are such men as the great God has, and He must do His work through them. Here is a remarkable fact: The Lord omnipotent must do His work among men through such men as He has. Some of them He has to break and remake before they will be fit for the work He wants done; some of them He has to drive away from the old home haunts to get them where He wants to use them. I am sure that He would rather find willing hearts, responsive to Him as that of young Isaiah, saying, "Here am I: send me." But in the case of the unwilling, even sometimes, as in the case of Paul, the recalcitrant, God will employ the anger of a Jewish mob and the compliant soul of a Herod to force His people out of their selfish ease and laziness into His harvests.

II. A RELIGIOUS PAGAN

Here he is down at Ceaserea by the sea. He does not know the way of salvation, but he does the best he can. He is a man of fervent, earnest, persistent prayer, the Roman army officer, Cornelius. He seeks God both in prayer and in good works, and God takes notice of it. Do you think God takes no notice of your efforts to establish contact with Him? Be very sure your prayer is always heard, that your petitions always enter into the ear of the Lord God Almighty.

God heard Cornelius speaking in prayer and in alms-giving and answered him. It was thus that Cornelius learned where he could find a man who could lead him to the way and the truth and the life. He was to send to Joppa and bring one who should tell him words by which he and all his might be saved. Look now at the proposed speaker of the saving words.

III. THE MAN AT PRAYER
ON THE HOUSETOPO

There he is, Brother Simon, on the housetop praying. Excuse me while I say, "Watta Man!" A scrupulous Jew trained in his belief that a Jew is so far superior to the members of any other race that it is a shame to a Jew to go into the house of one of them and an unthinkable thing that a Jew should eat a meal in the home of them.

But God is preparing a new thing for this Brother Simon son-of-John, Simon John's son, Simon Johnson. God has prepared a salvation for all people, and this

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MISS MARY ELEANOR BRADDOCK

Shown above is Miss Mary Eleanor Braddock, Ripley, senior at Blue Mountain College, who will reign as Queen of the May at the spring festival to be held at the college May 6.

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THERE WERE 92,460 APPLICATIONS to U. S. medical schools in 1949, representing 26,000 individual students, but there were only 6,387 places to fill in the freshman classes.

Simon must be the man first to carry the message of salvation to a heathen or gentile congregation. Through a vision thrice repeated, God shows Simon Peter what he must do to please God, and then instructs him as to the meaning of the vision, commands him receive into the home of his host the foreigners and go with them to obey the command of God.

IV. CORNELIUS VOICES HIS DESIRE
So Peter went with the messengers of Cornelius, as God had commanded him, and arriving at Cornelius' house, found a large company of people gathered to hear him preach. That is the normal thing. If God calls you to preach, He will call somebody to listen to you. And in this case here they were. So Peter asked Cornelius, "Why did you call me?" Cornelius answered, "We want a message from God, if you have one."

Oh! Peter might have made a speech on anyone of a number of topics, as I have heard preachers in the pulpit do, but these Roman men and women were heart hungry. They wanted to hear a word from God. O, my preacher brethren, let me press upon you this question, Won't you for His dear sake, give your people a message from Jesus? It is what the Lord wants you to do. It is what the hearts of the people hunger for.

V. A SERMON WHICH
THE LORD INTERRUPTED

Peter did not finish his sermon. He did not "draw the net." God took charge of the meeting and concluded it to His glory. So the whole company of the Romans present believed of the Lord Jesus, and the Holy Spirit fell upon them and did His gracious work within them, so they were baptized into the fellowship of the sufferings of Jesus, into the fellowship of His faithful ones, into the fellowship of His joyful witnesses.

74 of 79 Enrolled In BTU Study Course At Cherry Creek

The third week in January was a rainy season, but a happy time for the B.S.U. of Cherry Creek because Miss Helen Bolt, B.S.U. secretary of Blue Mountain College, Miss Mary Eleanor Braddock, senior at B.M.C., and Dr. Wilfred C. Tyler, pastor, taught a study course to an average of 74 persons each night. The B.S.U. enrollment is 79, which reveals that only five members missed the course.

Herbert Stark, B.S.U. director, expressed gratitude to the pupils and teachers on the closing night for their fine cooperation. After the examinations were given, a social hour was enjoyed, and refreshments were served to 75 persons.

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Problems Arise As Territory Expands

By DUKE K. McCALL

Are Southern Baptists getting new strength or giving away what they have? That is the blunt statement of the issue which Southern Baptists must face in the policy of expanding their territory. The answer to this question will not necessarily determine whether Southern Baptists will continue to enlarge their territory or not, but it will determine the procedure used.

This is being written at a time when no group has a pending application for recognition as a Southern Baptist constituency. I waited until this time to write because I did not want these statements to be tangled with the merits or demerits of any particular group.

What is involved in receiving a new constituency? The Southern Baptist Convention does not thereby grant to any group the privilege of cooperation with the Convention. They already have that privilege by S. B. C. Constitution Article III; thus Baptist churches in Michigan have for some time been cooperating with the work of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Significance

Dr. R. E. Milam, general secretary of the Baptist General Convention of Oregon, indicates in the June, 1949, issue of the *Pacific Coast Baptist* what is involved: "The significance of Oregon's recognition is that it clears the way for help from our great Southern Baptist boards and agencies. It seems now that as soon as our own board can meet and elect we may expect support of two state workers from the Sunday School Board."

Obviously what is important is the recognition by Southern Baptists of some state constituency is the help which the Southern Baptist Convention can give the state rather than the help which the state can give Southern Baptists. That is not bad. We remember the words of Jesus, "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

Recognition of a group of churches, however large or small, as a state constituency not only gives to that group financial and other assistance from the agencies but also gives to that group representation in the control of the agencies themselves.

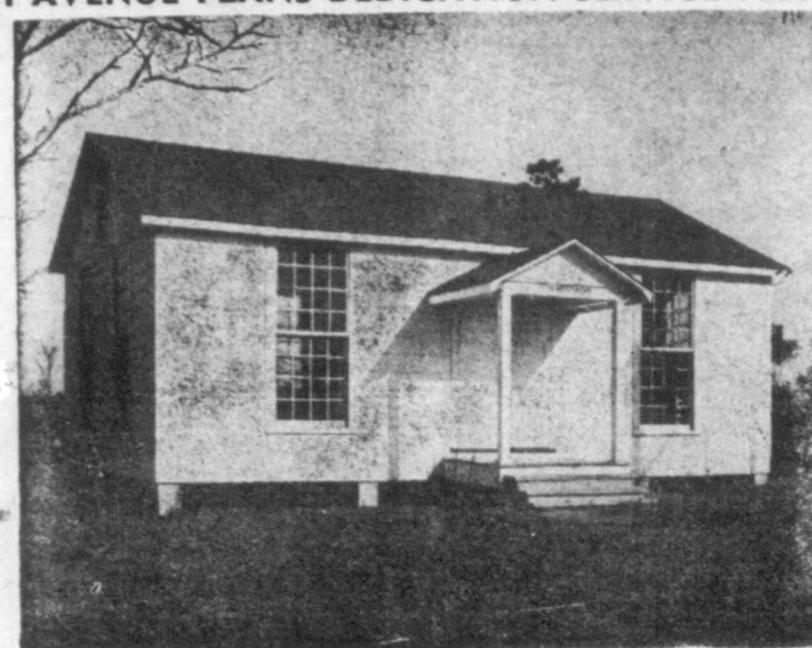
According to Convention By-Law 17, as it now stands, such a new state constituency must have 25,000 church members before it receives representation on the four general boards and the Executive Committee.

It has been assumed that absence of any provision concerning the other boards, institutions, commissions, and standing committees meant that the new constituency was immediately entitled to representation on these agencies in exactly the same way as all of the older state constituencies.

What Does It Mean?

This means, for example, that Texas with more than million members has one vote while a new constituency with five or ten thousand members will also have one vote. **THIS IS NOT DEMOCRATIC REPRESENTATION.** It means that a new state constituency contributing a few thousand dollars to the S.B.C. Cooperative Program

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has the same voice as Virginia with its contribution of hundreds of thousands of dollars each year stretching back across more than a century. **THAT IS NOT FAIR.** To insist that a new constituency will one day contribute as much or more than some old state constituency which has labored and sacrificed to create and maintain these agencies for years gone by is a valid argument for representation.

The representation should wait, however, until the new constituency is somewhat more comparable in strength. Some will point out that absence of representation disfranchises a new constituency. The answer is that many district associations with fifty to one hundred thousand church members have no representation as such on any S.B.C. agency.

Solution Suggested

The inevitable desire of any new group to have a voice in the affairs of Southern Baptists should be recognized. My own thinking is that any state constituency received hereafter should have a representative on the general boards and the S.B.C. Executive Committee but without a vote until there are 100,000 church members within that constituency. This would give to these representatives the privileges of the floor and provide the agency with the council of these men and women. At the same time Southern Baptists would avoid an inevitable quarrel in the not too distant future over the control of their agencies.

If the present policy of expansion of Southern Baptist Convention territory is continued, it will take only a few years for a group of state constituencies totaling fewer church members than Georgia to be in a position to determine the policies of all S. B. C. agencies. But the principle of democracy is control by the majority of the people. Let us be careful that our denominational organization makes control by the majority of Southern Baptists possible.

—Baptist Program

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MEMPHIS, TENN.—P. M. B. SELF, cotton planter and prominent Baptist layman from Marks, was named president of the board of trustees of the Baptist Hospital here. Self succeeds Dr. Lawrence T. Lowrey, president of Blue Mountain College, at Blue Mountain. Members named to the board's executive committee included: From Mississippi—J. P. Perry, Jr., of Grenada and M. P. Moore of Senatobia.

Spiritual Food

By C. S. LUMBLEY

A prayer, rendered by a railroad man, in the vernacular of his profession: "Holy Father, now that I have flagged the devil and ditched him, I give Thee humble thanks for having given me free transportation, through Thy Son on the train of salvation, and have provided me with Thy Word, the Holy Bible, as a book of rules, and promised a safe journey to the end of my run. . . . Grant that I may ever use the safety lamp of prudence, filled with faith, and manage to keep on the main track."

Heavenly Father, grant that Thou will keep all switches closed and locked that lead onto sidings, especially those having blind ends. Grant that Thou will ever keep every semaphore block lighted with the lantern burning a white light of safety and hope; a light that will outshine all substitutes that the devil may cast along my journey. I am conscious of the truth that Thou, the supreme Superintendent of the earth and all that dwell therein, hath given the promise, that when we reach the journey's end, the promise awaits, 'Well done thou good and faithful servant, thy name has been recorded on the payroll of life; enter now in and receive your check and reward of eternal life.' In the name of Him who died for our sins, Amen."

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Baylor Gets \$100,000 On Tidwell Bible Bldg. May Match Gift in 1950

WACO, Texas—(BP)—Baylor University received a New Year's present of \$100,000 provided they will raise a matching \$100,000 in 1950. The money will be applied on the J. B. Tidwell Bible Building. Dr. W. R. White, president of Baylor, made the announcement.

The gift came from Mr. and Mrs. William Fleming of Fort Worth. The Flemings recently gave \$400,000 to Southwestern Seminary for the new Memorial Building.

The J. B. Tidwell Building is to cost \$600,000. Already \$413,000 has been secured. It will be ten floors tall and will house the Baylor school of religion and radio school. The front will be designed to give a solid shaft of light from top to bottom. J. B. Tidwell was professor of Bible at Baylor for many years.

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WANTED: TEMPORARY PLACES OF SERVICE is wanted for consecrated young Christians who desire opportunities of service during the coming summer. Some of them could lead singing for revivals, or for regular services; some could preach; some could work in Vacation Bible Schools; some could serve as church secretaries for the summer months and perhaps others in other lines, beginning work about the first of April and work until September. Others could begin work about the first of June and work through the summer. Some could serve for a week-end or for a week. Any church desiring to contact such workers should write to Louie Farmer, Student Secretary, Clarke Memorial College, Newton.

DR. J. B. LAWRENCE SPOKE ON "Thy Kingdom Come" in relation to Home Missions at the Atlanta Baptist Ministers Conference on Monday, January 9, and, immediately, there was unanimous request that this timely and comprehensive message be made available to Southern Baptists. Dr. Lawrence has agreed to have the message published in a brochure, which you may secure, without charge, by writing to the Home Mission Board, 101 Spring Street, N. W., Atlanta, Georgia. I hope every pastor in the Southern Baptist Convention will ask for a copy of this brochure and pass its message on to his people.

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